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Cut eyes bring Cooper defeat against Bates

WILL EYE INJURIES DIM JOE ERSKINE'S BRIGHT FUTURE?

by JAMES BUTLER

Although British boxing has been going through a bad patch we could say until a few months ago that our heavyweight situation was in healthier state than it has been for many years. In Joe Erskine, Henry Cooper and Dick Richardson we had three really up-and-coming prospects who would cause a boom among the big boys, but now this has all changed because both Erskine and Cooper have become victims of cut eyes.

Erskine's trouble began back in May when he was left with eye trouble after outpointing Richardson. He was under a similar handicap when winning the vacant British heavywgt title by outpointing Johnny Williams in August. Both eyes were cut, and his injuries put Joe out of action for the rest of 1956.

What a disappointing climax to a championship bout. Normally, when a new heavyweight is crowned it starts a boom in boxing. Promoters usually sit up and take notice, and begin bidding for the services of the new champion, but here we were faced with a new young champion who was still undefeated after 30 professional bouts, but forced out of action for months.

HISTORY REPEATED

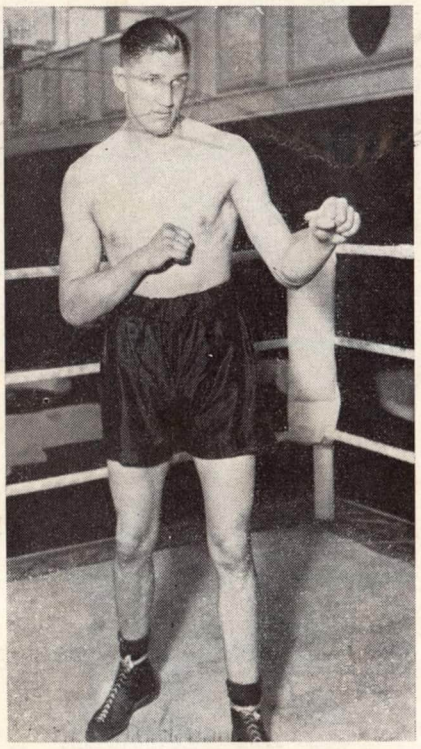
It was cut eyes that brought a premature end to the colourful career of Jack Petersen who had started a boxing boom in the Thirties. It was the same sort of trouble that proved so disastrous to Bruce Woodcock during his reign as heavyweight champion. Cut eyes also troubled former heavyweight champions, Johnny Williams and Jack Gardner.

With Erskine out of action, Henry Cooper, of Bellingham, rated, No I challenger for the British title, began to push his claims for fame, and Henry was considered to have a good chance of beating Erskine when they met in view of the Cardiff boxer's obvious weakness around the eyes. Yet within a few weeks Cooper was in the same boat as Erskine when he surprisingly lost to Peter Bates, the hard-hitting Yorkshire heavyweight, owing to a badly split brow during the fifth round of their slam at Belle Vue, Manchester.

Cooper had been outboxing Bates, and Peter's only chance of victory was to open up some old wounds. Tough luck on the London heavyweight, who lost previously to Uber Bacilieri, of Italy, through a similar injury.

What an unhappy position for the British heavyweight set-up. After looking well placed with two good prospects we suddenly find our new champion and his No I challenger unable to make any immediate plans, and the heavyweight situation has slipped into stalemate.

The bad luck of Erskine and Cooper is, of course, good news for Dick Richardson, the K.O. King from Newport, and also for Peter Bates, another knockout specialist. Neither Richardson nor Bates seem to be cursed with cut eyes, and must, therefore, always be given a chance of beating Erskine or Cooper. Erskine has already proved himself the best of the bunch because he has points victories over Bates, Cooper and Richardson since turning professional, but anything can happen when a boxer developes tender spots round the eyes.



JACK PETERSEN

The Cardiff heavyweihgt was our most colourful champion, but an eye injury sustained against Len Harvey troubled him for the rest of his career.

A LONG QUEUE

Bates, managed by Bruce Woodcock, now wants to get into the title picture by reason of his victory over the top-ranked Cooper, but it looks as though both Bates and Richardson will have to wait in the queue while Erskine and Cooper recover from their injuries.

This suits Richardson. His manager Wally Lesley has not been interested in pushing the claims of his protege as far as the British crown is concerned, and declined to put his name forward for the eliminators. Wally is more ambitious, and that is why he readily agreed to Jack Solomons request to a match with the experienced but ageing ex-world heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles, at Harringay.

It is most unfortunate for British boxing that Erskine and Cooper are indisposed. Although Erskine is not a puncher and does not fire the imagination, he is a greatly underrated performer. Only the weakness around his eyes is likely to halt his future progress.

I implore the British Boxing Board of Control to hold an investigation into the ever-increasing curse of cut eyes. Never before have we had such a glut of these

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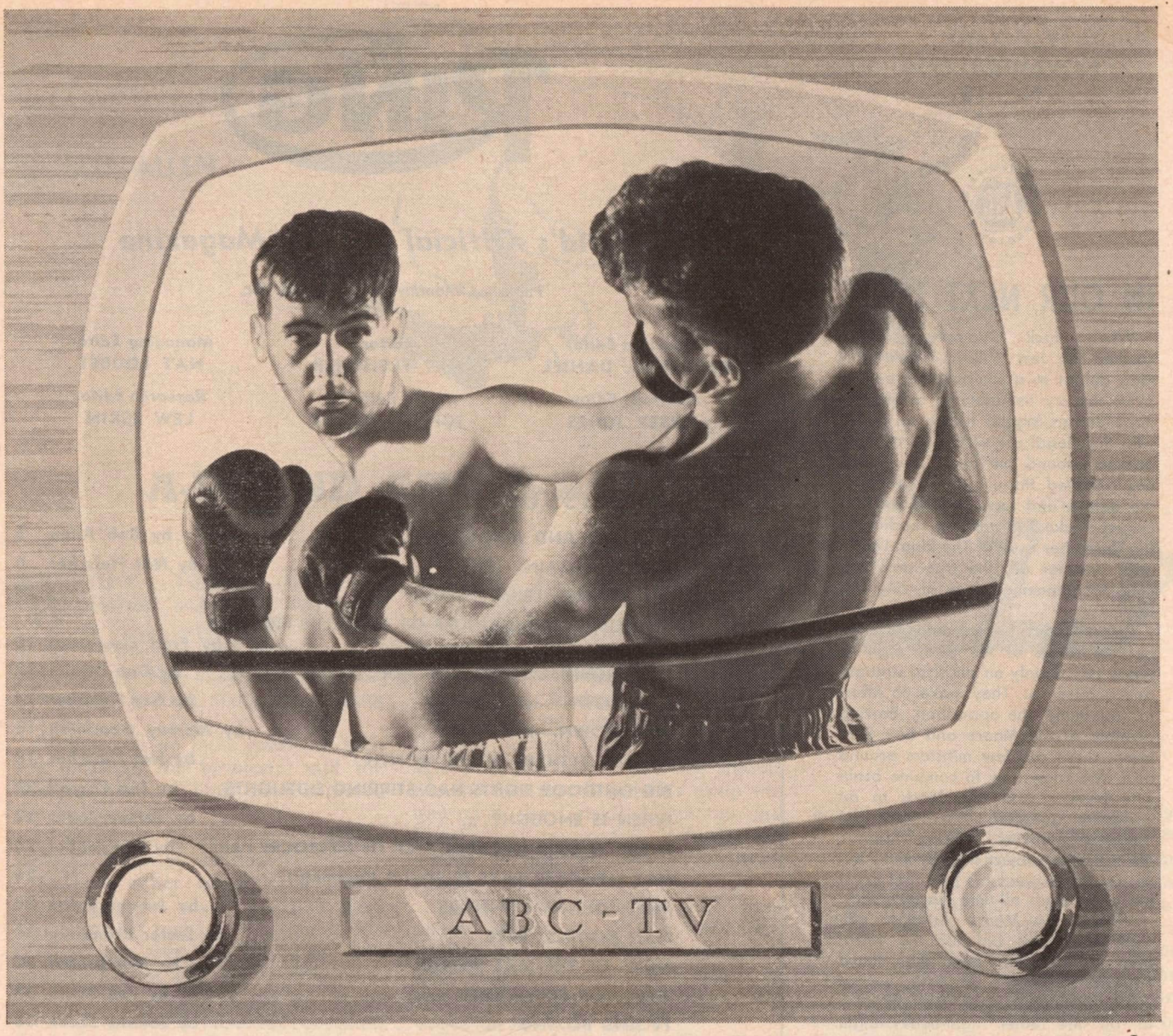

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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

When Jack Dempsey literally crushed Big Jess Willard into a startling defeat in a sun-baked arena in 1919 the cry immediately arose that the Manassa Mauler had been aided with the illegal use of plaster of Paris packed around his fists. The rumor has persisted through the years and the details and facts, traced by Dan Daniel, make for startling reading in the December issue of The Ring. Learn, once and for all, the true story behind this amazing piece of ring history.

Smart, cagey boxers seem to have become things of the past. Fighters today rely mainly on physical strength and endurance. They make no effort to "out-think" the opposition. Barring possibly Archie Moore and Ray Robinson, there are few mittsters around now who know how to combine brain with brawn. And that leads to an intriguing question: Who were the "smartest" boxers in ring history? It's a ticklish subject to play with, but Jersey Jones gives his personal opinion of boxing's all-time master minds.

With Archie Moore slated to officially make his bid for the world heavyweight title, now that Floyd Patterson is ready, Al Buck, writing in the December issue, thought back to all the other light-heavyweight champions who went after the biggest title of all—and failed. None have made it and Archie can be the first if the jinx doesn't hold, says Buck, who also sees a mad scramble on for Moore's 175-lb. crown and the possible finalists in the bid for that championship.

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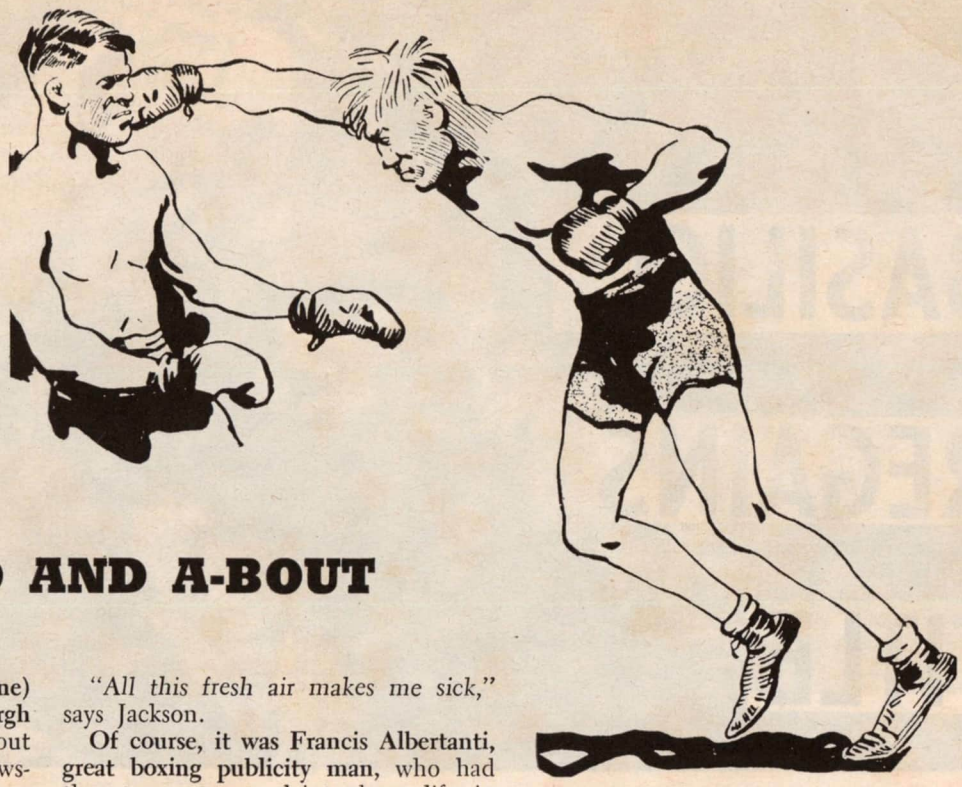


A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

WHEN Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson arrived in Pittsburgh to sign contracts for his bout in that city against Bob Baker, a newspaperman in the course of an interview asked Jackson about his training methods.

"I hear you do more roadwork than any boxer in the business," said the newspaperman. *"How many miles a day do you run?"*

"I don't run by the mile," answered Jackson, *"I run by the hour."*

Jackson, either wittingly or unwittingly, gets off many a classic line. There was the night at Madison Square Garden just after the Hurricane had dropped a close decision to Floyd Patterson. Hurricane Tommy sat in his dressing-room and answered questions fired at him by the boxing writers.

"What did you think of the decision?" asked one.

"What the judges have done in darkness, God will correct in the light," answered Jackson.

And then there was the day at his Summit, N. J., training camp when Jackson, having just consumed a sizeable steak, complained to Whitey Bimstein about the food he was being served.

"I'm not going to eat meat anymore," he announced, *"it's no good for me. From now on I'm going to be a vegetarian and eat nothing but hamburgers and hotdogs."*

But there was another day when his mother, serving as cook for Tommy at the Summit camp, told him he was going to have chopped steak for dinner.

"Don't want chopped steak," protested Tommy. *"I want hamburger."*

Jackson, who prefers Stillman's gymnasium, has a distinct dislike for training out in the country. He has never taken kindly to Summit, N. J.

"All this fresh air makes me sick," says Jackson.

Of course, it was Francis Albertanti, great boxing publicity man, who had the strongest complaint about life in the country. Francis once did a magnificent job on Jim Braddock when Jim was training for his championship fight with Max Baer. The only trouble was the fact that Braddock's camp was way up in the Catskill Mountains and Francis had tremendous difficulty adjusting to the wholesome mountain atmosphere.

"This is like being in jail," complained Albertanti. *"The worst part of it is that all this fresh air gets into your lungs and who knows what can happen to a guy from breathing this mountain air all day long?"*

Interesting, isn't it, that Max Baer's son should win a scholarship in mathematics at a California university? Like father like son!

Papa Max was also something of a mathematical wizzard in his early days in the ring. There was the time, for instance, when he sold 110 percent of himself to various managers and matters were slightly confused until Ancil Hoffman gathered up all the pieces and took over the sole management of Maxie.

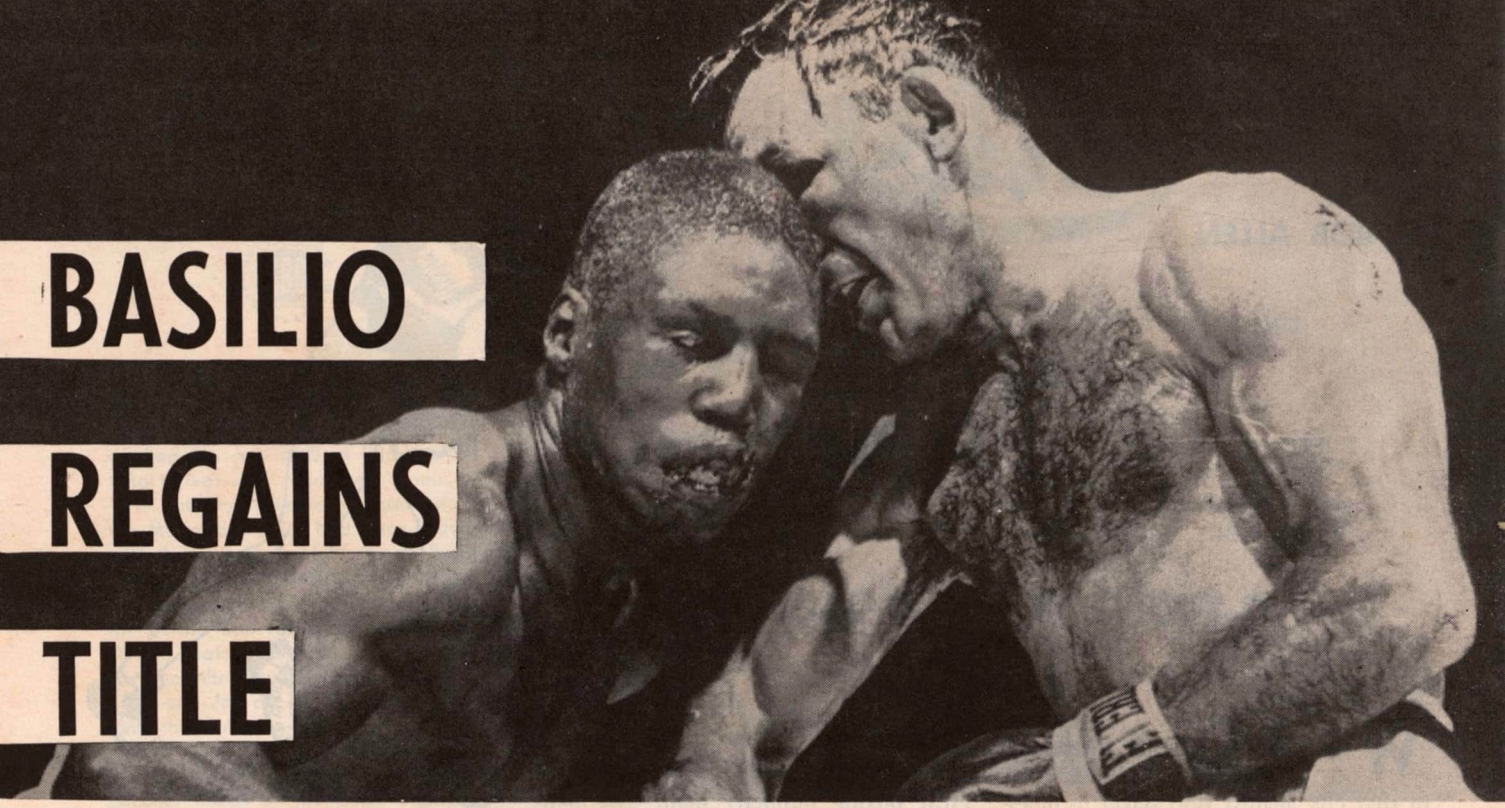
A letter in the Cleveland News, signed by one Hot Sauce Williams, suggests that boxers should have their initials sewed on their trunks to make it easier for TV viewers to identify the gladiators. But if the present system whereby one boxer wears black trunks with white stripes and the other wears white trunks with black stripes—doesn't ease matters for TV fans—wearing initials won't do it either. And what happens when a Johnny Jones boxes a Jimmy Jackson?

There must be something about the light-heavyweight (cruiser) class that is peculiarly attractive to German boxers. Or maybe there's something about German boxers that makes them want to be light-heavies. How does one account for the fact that in the latest Ring Magazine Ratings four of the ten top contenders in the 175-pound class are listed from Germany? They are Gerhard Hecht, No. 1; Hans Stretz, No. 3; Willi Hoepner, No. 6; Willi Besmanoff, No. 9. And the strange part of it is that there is not a single German boxer listed in any of the other seven divisions.

England for years has been the scene of considerable boxing activity in the flyweight and bantamweight classes. It's not like that anymore and British boxing men are deploring the nation's poverty in the tiny boxers. But at the other end of the avoirdupois ladder things are much more encouraging and England can now boast several pretty classy young heavyweights, among them Joe Erskine, Dick Richardson, Henry Cooper, Brian London.

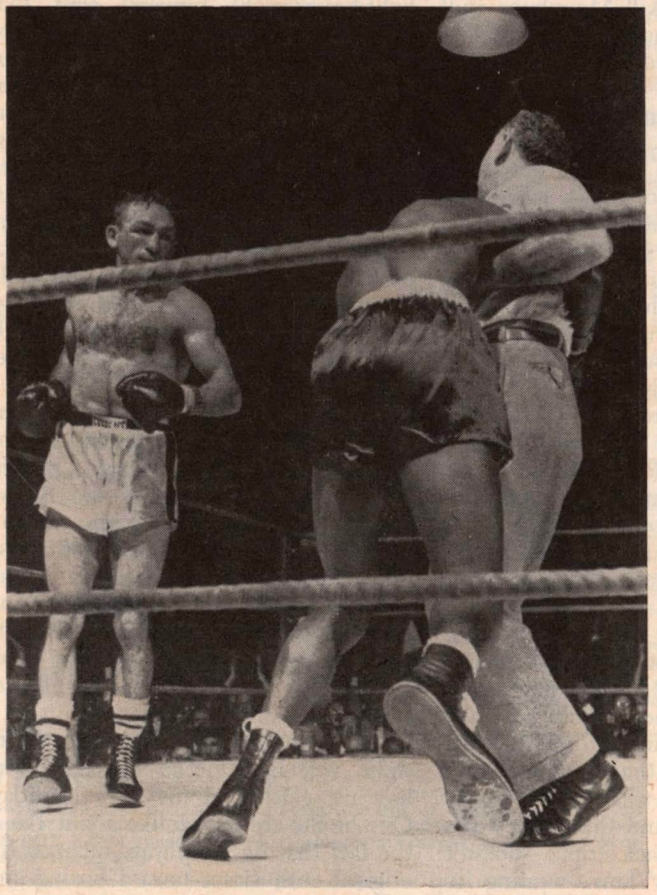
Our congratulations to Ike Bernstein, veteran Chicago manager, who has just celebrated his 79th birthday. One of the things we like about Ike is the fact that he has always retained his original enthusiasm toward boxing and every time he takes over some new four-round youngster that lad immediately becomes *"another Packey McFarland."*

BASILIO REGAINS TITLE



Battered into a helpless wreck and bleeding badly from a torn lip, Johnny Saxton is on the verge of defeat as Carmen Basilio (right) continues the attack. Seconds later the referee halted the championship bout.

By NAT FLEISCHER



All over. Staggering and defenseless, Referee Al Berl huddles the defeated champion to himself signalling the end of the bout and the regaining of the world welterweight championship by Carmen Basilio in the ninth round.

UPON the head of Carmen Basilio, born in Canastota, N. Y., but now a resident of Chittenango, N. Y., again rests the world welterweight crown. Dethroned by Johnny Saxton in Chicago on March 14, 1956 on a weird decision, Basilio regained the throne when he stopped the New Yorker in 1:31 of the ninth round of a thrilling, fast moving, hard hitting battle in the War Memorial Auditorium of Syracuse before a gathering of 8,546 persons who paid $134,939 to see the return affair.

In the Chicago bout, Basilio bitterly complained that he was handicapped by the refusal of the referee to permit him to do any infighting, but in the Syracuse contest, it was that style that enabled him to turn the tables on the defending champion. A change of style by Saxton from a hit-and-run, counter-puncher to an aggressive, two-fisted infighter, spelled defeat for the Champ. He decided to turn tiger and fight the battle of his opponent and therein he made a grave mistake.

Saxton's strategy, mapped out by his mentor, Blinky Palermo, a shift from hit-and-run operations that had been so effective in his past battles, was right up Basilio's alley. His more powerfully built opponent with superior clouting powers in either hand, soon took the play away from the defending champion.

Before the fight was half over he had Saxton on the retreat, back to his old stand, but far less effective because of the terrific body punishment he had suffered prior to the change.

Despite the contention of Saxton as expressed in the dressing room after the fight, that the style he had employed in the Syracuse contest was decided upon after his feelings had been hurt by the crowd's booing when he was introduced, the strategy was decided upon by Blinky Palermo, his manager, long before the ring had been entered. Discussing the plans with me at weigh-in time, Palermo remarked:

"You fellers keep saying that my boy won the title with the help of the officials who robbed Basilio. Well to-night he's gonna prove to everybody that he's the master. He'll

fight Basilio 'is style and beat him at his own game. He'll prove he's the better man."

That decision and the cockiness of the champion proved fatal. Smiling, at east, full of confidence, Saxton added to Palermo's statement: *"Your belts are costly, Nat. I'm gonna save you some money. You won't have to give Basilio another one when I get through with him."*

It was that over-confidence, exhibited so clearly during the afternoon and when he entered the arena to face his challenger, plus the determination of Basilio to turn the tables and avenge what he considered a gross wrong in their previous affair, that almost resulted in a shutout victory for Carmen. The combination brought about the second knockout defeat of his career for Saxton and the loss of his championship.

In the many years I've reported boxing bouts, I have encountered only a handful of cases similar to the Syracuse switch of style. There was the time when Billy Conn, with the heavyweight title within his grasp, suddenly decided to become a tiger and engage Joe Louis in a head-to-head combat, only to find himself, as did Saxton, halted by the superior power of his opponent.

Jack Sharkey, one of the best of the heavyweights following Gene Tunney's triumph over Jack Dempsey, made the same mistake. As a boxer he was far superior to anyone in the field and when he faced Dempsey in July, 1927 in the Yankee Stadium, the Boston Gob, jeered by the majority of the 75,000 fans, as was Saxton in Syracuse, decided to go all out to convince the spectators that he was the Manassa Mauler's master. He tossed bombs at Jack's jaw, played with him at long range and in close and rolled up a big lead.

But he wasn't content. He sneered at Jack's plight. He switched styles and Dempsey suddenly caught him with a low punch. Sharkey momentarily turned to protest and Dempsey let go a clout that ended the fight and gained for him the return bout with Tunney.

Unlike their Chicago battle, Saxton assumed the aggressive from the clang of the opening bell and for three rounds he did exceedingly well. Thereafter, it was all Basilio.

In those opening sessions, Johnny stood his ground and fought a toe-to-toe, body punching battle in which he had gained the second round and an even break in the third. But that was all he could muster in his favor.

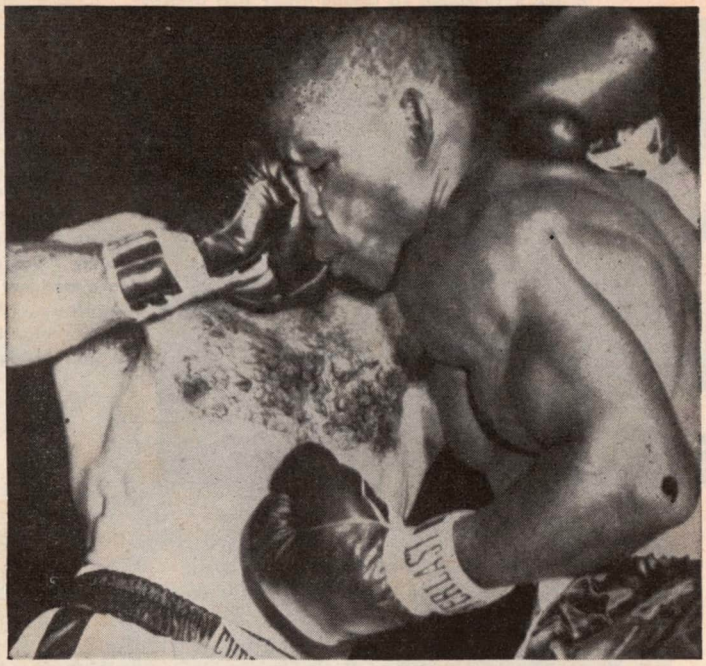
Although the return clause in their contract calls for a rubber contest within ninety days, there's no clamor for such a bout. The public is now convinced that Basilio is the better man. In agreeing to defend his title in Carmen's back yard, Blinky Palermo wrung a return contract that stipulated he would have the say in the choice of the battle site. One thing is certain, if such contest is arranged, it won't be for Chicago.

The sum of $50,000 is being held in escrow, $35,000 of it Basilio's, the remainder Jim Norris's to guarantee the return bout and Norris is willing to stage it in early January or in February, since the time limit will have to be extended due to the severe cut lip Saxton suffered.

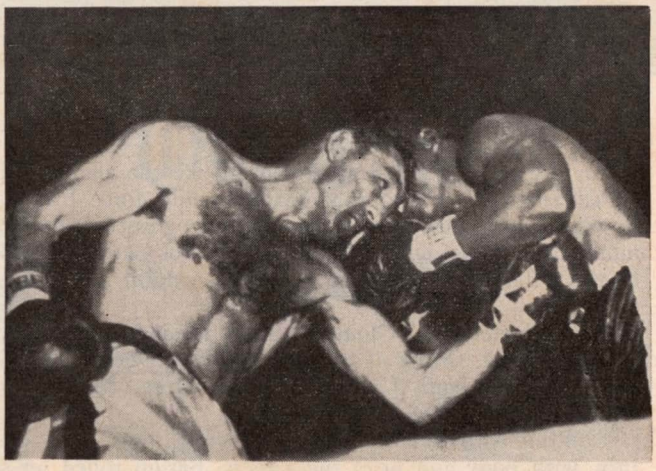
In the meantime, Basilio will take a much needed rest while his managers and Norris work out his future. The I.B.C. president had hoped to stage a Basilio-Ray Robinson bout for the middleweight crown, but Carmen has declared against it. *"Sugar Ray wants the world,"* says Basilio *"and I can well do without such contest."*

That Saxton missed his old mentor, Bill Miller, the man who brought him up as an amateur and was shunted aside in favor of Palermo after Johnny began his rise, was evident throughout the Syracuse contest. Told what to do, Saxton is a fighter who follows instructions. He's an automaton. He cannot map out his own plans as a fight progresses and that's where he missed his good old trainer, Miller.

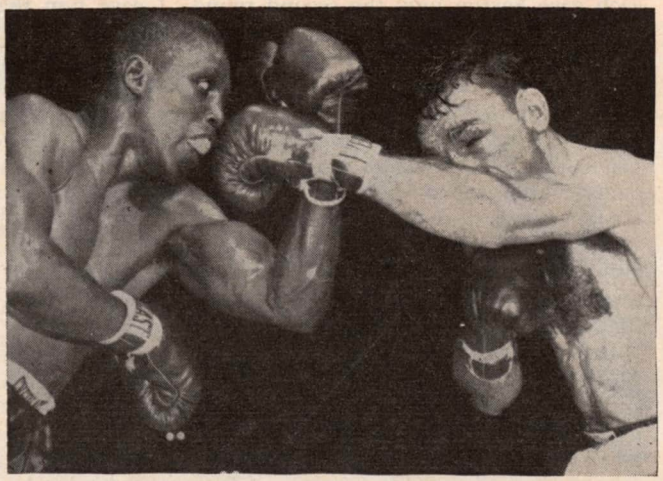
He definitely fought a stupid battle against Basilio. He



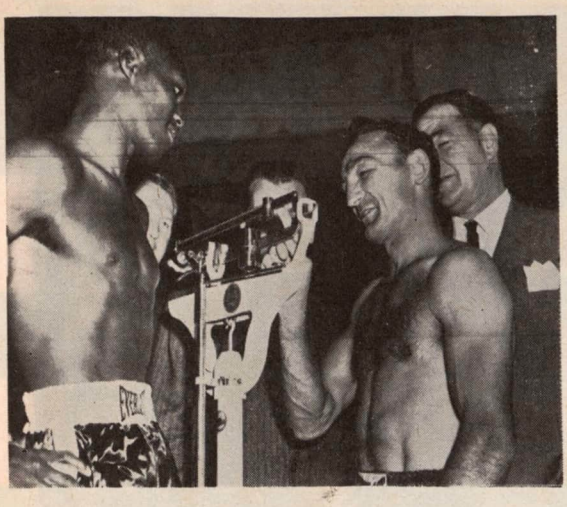
Carmen Basilio's attack was relentless as he pounded away at Johnny Saxton (right). Here a hard right smashes the nose of Saxton in the eighth round.



Much of the damage done by Basilio (left) early in the fight was centered on the mid-section. Punches such as this plunging left to the body paved the way for Saxton's downfall.



Johnny Saxton (left) elected to fight in close with Carmen Basilio only to find he was taking a terrific hammering and by the time he went back to long range fighting he was weary and open for hard lefts such as this.



Just Weight And See. Carmen Basilio, out to balance the scales against Johnny Saxton, looks confident at weigh-in. Jim Norris of the I.B.C. is at right.

played into the hands of his challenger, something Miller would never have permitted him to do.

The incessant body attack of Basilio so weakened Saxton that he became an easy prey. He was helpless, a beaten hulk, about to tumble to the canvas, when the bout was halted. With arms folded about Referee Al Berl's mid-section, head resting on Al's chest, he was sliding sideways, falling, when he was half dragged to his corner, a sadly beaten ex-champion.

Basilio used his powerful left hook to the head incessantly with such effectiveness it jarred Saxton a number of times and once caused his legs to buckle. The hooks, plus a fine two-handed body attack that was part of the excellent combination used throughout the fight by Basilio, caused Saxton to wilt.

For the first three rounds it looked like the affair would be extremely close and that Saxton would force his rival to wear himself out, but as the rounds progressed it became more and more evident that Saxton, and not Carmen, would be the sufferer. Never before did Basilo exhibit such all-out punching.

The Chittenango Clouter was a reminder of Rocky Marciano who, sitting at my side, asked: "*Does he always fight that way, Nat? I never saw him before. He's a devil with those fists. Boy, he's a slugger.*"

Fighting with determination, smashing away with cold fury, with body and head the targets, Basilio rolled up so big a point margin, the only way Saxton could have won had it gone the limit, would have been by a knockout. Referee Al Berl, Judges Harold Barnes and Frank Forbes, each gave Saxton only the second round. I gave him that and called the third, the closest round of the fight, even.

It was only after the fifth round that Saxton realized he had made a grave mistake in fighting Basilio's style but when he shifted to back-pedaling, long-range operations, it was too late. The body punishment he had received had taken its toll. The switch did not deter his tormentor. The damage had been done in the previous rounds and Saxton no longer was a menace . . . his legs were gone.

Johnny tried desperately to break the pattern of Basilio's close range offense, but futilely. In the fourth round Basilio's severe body and head attack caused Saxton to miss blows that brought rounds of applause for Carmen.

In the sixth, Saxton started racing around in earnest and the crowd's disapproval unnerved him. Basilio's bobbing and weaving had Saxton lunging pitifully at times from that round to the finish and with almost every miss, he received a tantalizing left hook or a short right that Basilio let fly with uncanny accuracy, seldom missing. It was by far his best performance since turning pro.

Never before had the up-State New Yorker fought with

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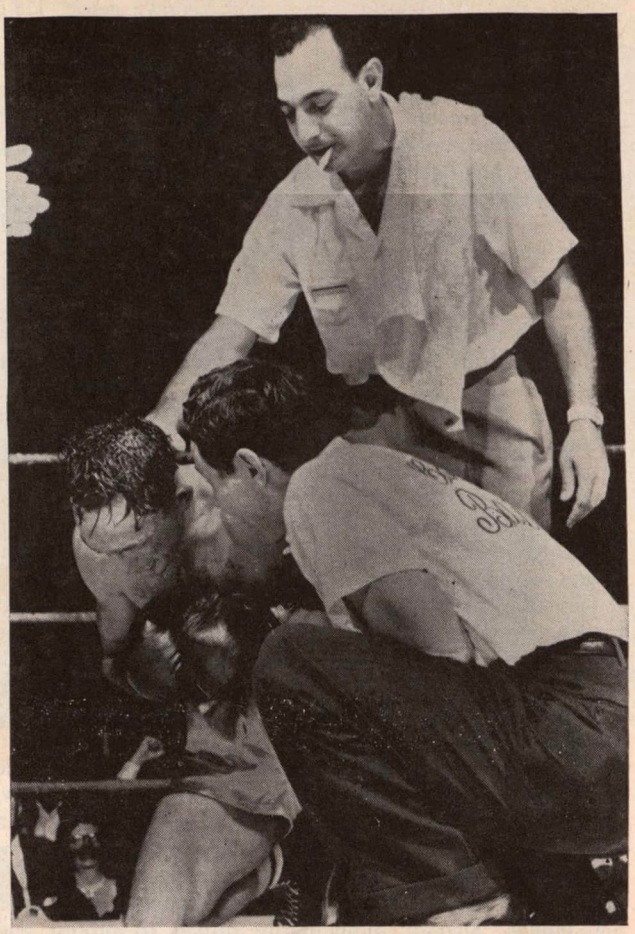
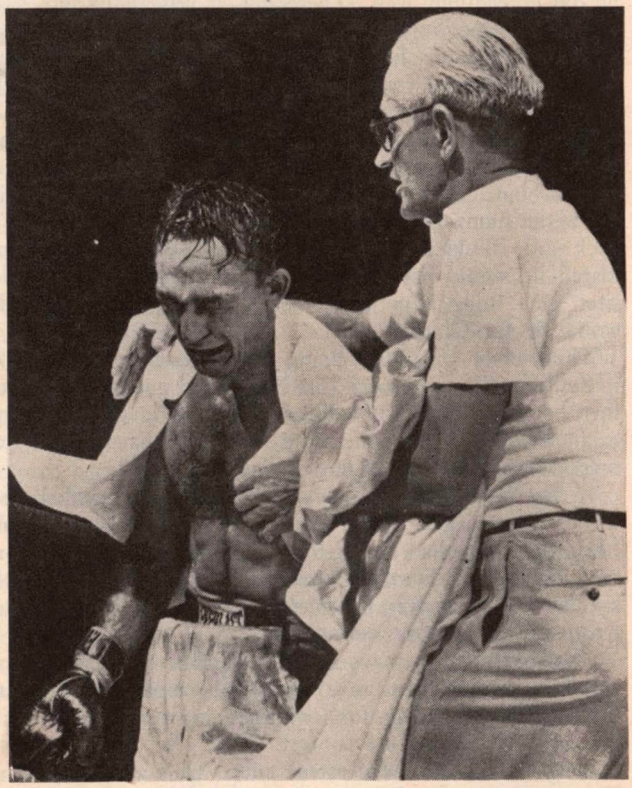


Thank you, Lord. Carmen Basilio, the moment he regained the world welterweight championship, dropped to his knees, crossed himself and said a prayer.



Tears of joy. Carmen Basilio unashamedly cries like a baby, he is so overcome with joy, as Trainer Mike Slattery leads him back to his corner.

Leonard a Big Hit with the Misses. Having retired two years before as undefeated world lightweight champion, Benny Leonard shifted his talents to the stage in 1927, appearing in the musicale "Battling Butler" in Philadelphia. Here Benny takes time off back stage to instruct chorus girls (left to right) Bee Jones, Pat Sweetland, Nellie Nelson and Beth Clark in the art of self defense.

Old Timers Album

(Left) Taken For a Ride. Pete Latzo, who defeated Mickey Walker for the welterweight title in 1926 is having a "barrow" of fun wheeling his wife around the training camp.

The Champ Roped into This One. Heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey trying to relax at Miami Beach, Fla., in 1926, seemed to have a real war—a tug of war—on his hands but did alright thanks to help from the little miss on his left.

BERRIOS COMING CHAMP or JUST CLUB FIGHTER?

Miguel and his wife are surrounded by many of their friends at a victory party following Berrios win over Kid Anahuca. Miguel is a hot favorite with the Latin-American sports fans.

By FRED EISENSTADT

NOT too many years ago, Puerto Rico had quite a few native sons performing in rings here with success. Our Caribbean cousins fought well and earned good purses. We were proud of them.

For one, there was Sixto Escobar. This personable chap who captured the bantamweight title, boxed between the years 1931 and 1940. There was also Pedro Montanez, a dynamic lightweight who campaigned around the same period for the same number of years. Middleweight Jose Basora, who had a sleep-producing wallop, was a protege of Escobar and did his fighting from 1939 to 1952, when he retired.

The latest Puerto Rican sensation is Miguel Berrios, a powerful featherweight with a paralyzing wallop in either fist. This young firebrand, five-foot-two, is making quite a stir in fistic circles with his thrilling ring style. Fans in general appreciate Miguelito's pugnacious mode of milling, his exciting two-fisted rallies, his deadly punch.

Berrios first sprang into the limelight when he battered the hard-hitting veteran Pat Marcune helpless at the St. Nicholas Arena. The referee had to stop the slaughter. Little Mike then was decisioned by Bobby Courchesne—a good game scrapper. In a return bout, Berrios stopped him at the same club.

The Puerto Rican firebrand moved a rung up the fistic ladder when he decisioned the skillful Bobby Bell at the St. Nick. He climbed still further when he repeated over Bell.

Since then Miguel has moved right along. He dropped a decision to high ranking Frenchmen Cherif Hamia in his Madison Square Garden debut, but made such a fine showing that he was brought back and matched with Kid Anahuca, of Mexico. Berrios pounded out an impressive victory and followed that with an upset triumph over Flash Elorde in San Francisco. This fight gained for Miguel the Ring's ranking as the No. 6 featherweight contender.

Born Miguel Angel Rosa Berrios, in Santurce, Puerto Rico, on Aug. 31, 1932, he's now a resident of the Bronx. *"My mother, she die when I am 3 month of age,"* relates the 5-foot-2 ringman who is of Spanish-Indian-Negro blood, in mangled English.

"My aunt—sister of my mother—Providencia Bermudes Velasquez, she take me and raise me up like I her own child." He is the youngest of four brothers and one sister.

Miguel began to mix it with the big mittens before reaching his teens. *"In my hometown Esteban Verdejo teached me boxing. Later he put me in amateurs. I win two of 3 fights. Then my brother Adrian refusé to let me keep fighting. He say I too small. Esteban tell him I fighting little boxers like myself, but my brother say no. A year later he say, 'Bueno— now I let him fight.' So Verdejo keep teaching me the boxing till I am sixteen and put me in as pro to fighting bantamweights."*

His education was curtailed when he was expelled from grammar school while in the fifth grade. *"Because,"* explains the stocky fisticuffer, *"I hit boy who call my mother bad name."*

Berrios says he had fifteen pro fights in Puerto Rico a few ten-rounders—winning all of them, by the kayo route. Since coming to New York he has lost 6 decisions in 24 contests; first to lightweight Richie Crump; second to Bill Bossio. He lost to Pedro Tesis in Panama; to Joe Wilkinson in San Juan; and to Bobby Courchesne and Cherif Hamia in N. Y. C.

Miguel's boxing career was interrupted when he went into the Army in June, 1953. *"They discharge me after 23 months,"* he declares. *"I not do any boxing while in service."*

Berrios married Juana Melendez, 22, seven years ago in Santurce. She was, at the time, his next-door neighbor. They have a daughter and two sons: Evelyn, 5½ years of age, Jorge, 4, and Freddie, ten months old.

Seated in his comfortable Bronx apartment, the chunky scrapper suddenly asked: *"You like to hearing how I come to fighting in New York?"* At a nod, he related how it came about.

A fellow named Jerry Lichenstein, who's been dabbling in the fight game for about twenty years—trying to find titular boxing materials—wrote to former New York boxer Nick Palmer, a long-time resident of Puerto Rico, asking him if there was a ringman on the Island worth bringing to New York.

Palmer replied that a kid named Miguel Berrios looked promising and advised Jerry to take a chance on him. Thus, late in 1951, Lichenstein sent a plane ticket to the scrapper and the latter promptly arrived here. In his first New York showing Berrios beat another Puerto Rican, Rafael Laboy, in six rounds.

Realizing that Miguel would develop

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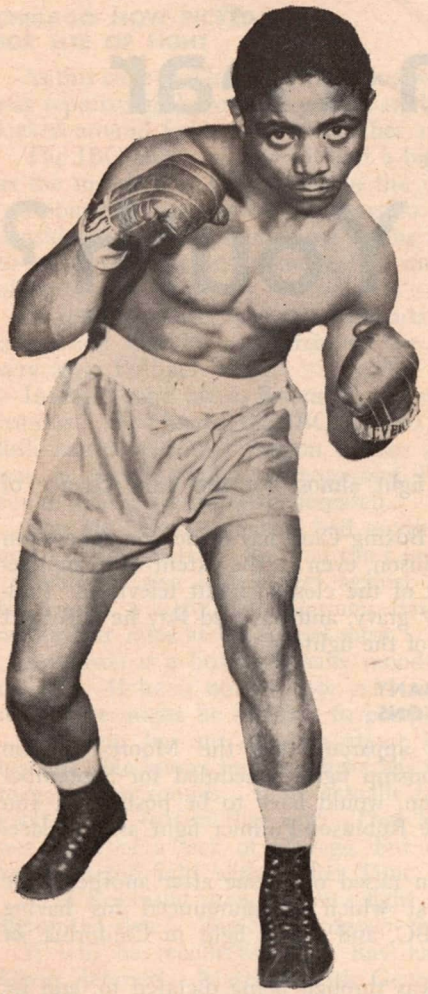
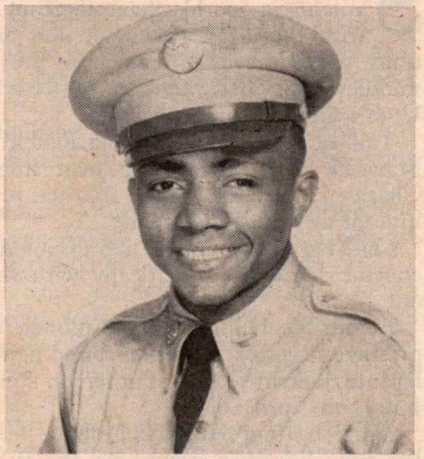
Miguel's two oldest children, Evelyn 6, and Jorge 5.

Juana Berrios, who married Miguel in Puerto Rico when only 15, is his number one fan.

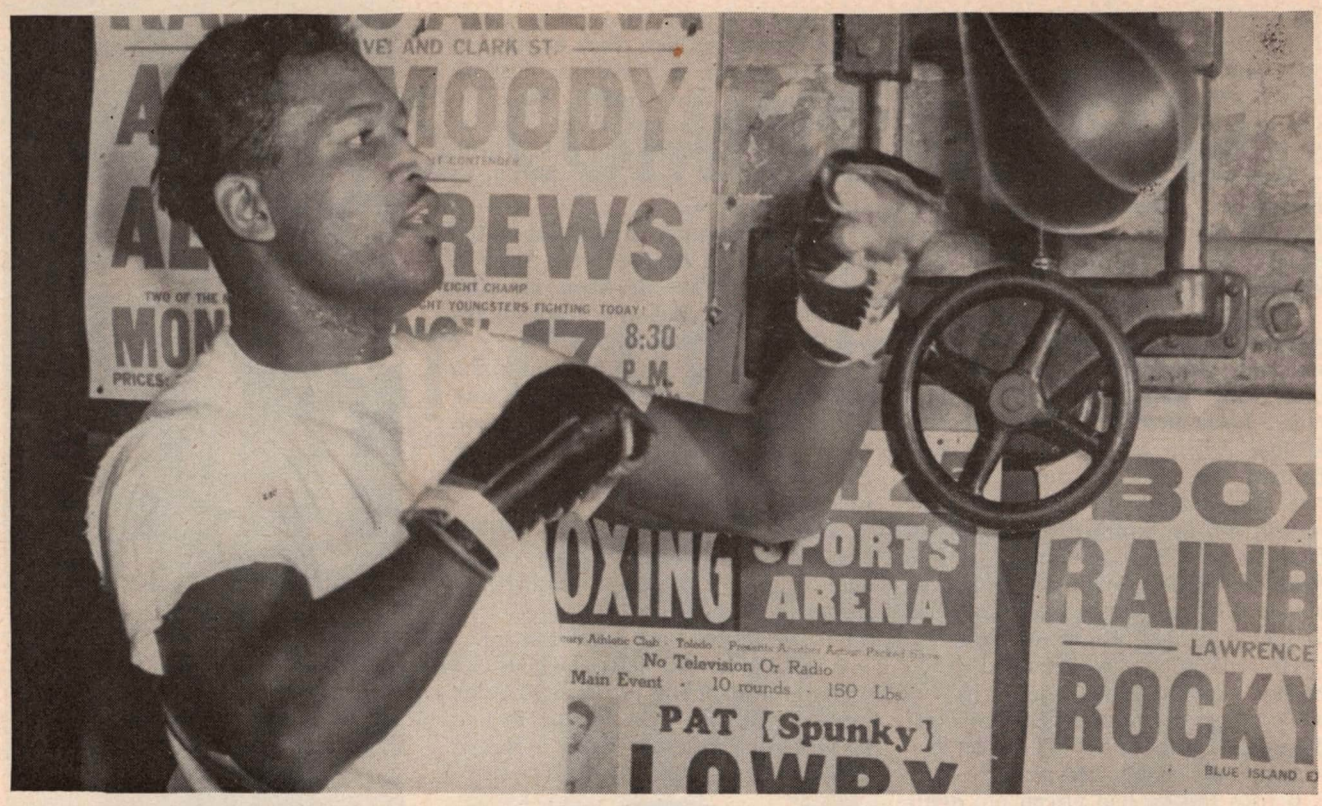


Miguel Berrios as he looks in the ring.

Veteran Jimmy DeAngelo who is guiding Berrios fistic career. Jimmy is like a father to Miguel.



This is the picture that Miguel likes best. *"It makes me look pretty".*



Speed—Once Sugar Ray's forte, is now a question mark. How long will it stay with him and in what quantity?

Does Robinson Fear Fullmer's Speed, Youth?

By DAN DANIEL

SELDOM has an important match, especially one involving a world championship, been kicked around with the vigor, frequency and many-angled considerations which have entered into the negotiations for the middleweight title contest between Ray Robinson and Utah's Gene Fullmer.

Talk of a Robinson-Fullmer match began to circulate on May 25, when the young man from West Jordan beat Charley Humez, of France, in a ten rounder and established himself as the top contender.

On May 18, Robinson had disposed of Bobo Olson quite conclusively and emphatically with that four-round knockout.

Before the Humez affair, Fullmer scored three other impressive successes, all in ten round fights, over Rocky Castellani on January 4, Gil Turner on February 12, and Ralph Jones, on April 20.

Since beating Humez, Fullmer has been waiting. He has been lingering around for the Robinson fight, and has had a tough time getting Ray into a ring.

Fullmer and Marv Jensen, his manager, have indicated their willingness to fight almost for the mere chance of winning the title.

The International Boxing Club has made one concession after another to Robinson, even to the extent of guaranteeing him $50,000 out of the closed circuit television. Fullmer has given up TV gravy, and has told Ray he will fight for only 12½ percent of the fighters' 60.

ROBINSON RAISED MANY ISSUES IN NEGOTIATIONS

When it became apparent that the Moore-Patterson heavyweight championship fight, scheduled for September 18 in Yankee Stadium, would have to be postponed, Jim Norris went after the Robinson-Fullmer fight as a replacement.

However, Robinson raised one issue after another. He reached the point at which he announced his having seceeded from the IBC, and would fight in California, or Utah, or Kamchatka.

Ray said that he was through being dictated to, and he made other statements which he could not back up, and

Keeping a sharp fighting edge, becomes a problem when a fighter passes the thirty year mark. Robinson has to train harder than ever to attempt to retain his old skill.

others could not back up for him. In short, he had become angry.

Robinson must have known that the IBC, which had his promise to fight Fullmer, would not release him. He must have known that Norris would invoke the court injunction, if he had to, in order to stop Ray from breaking away from the IBC.

Robinson's attitude was especially surprising because of the report that he had received advances totalling $25,000. Whether this was true or false The Ring Magazine cannot say. But that was the talk around Broadway.

Eventually, Robinson quieted down. But weeks went by and still no announcement from the IBC that a date and a locale had been picked.

Robinson is not so well heeled that he is in a position to despise money. His various New York enterprises have not yet made him a Rockefeller. One of the best paying of these ventures, his barber shop, he had turned over to George Gainford, his manager.

CHICAGO NOW PICKED FOR SITE OF FIGHT

As this issue of The Ring Magazine went to press, Chicago was reported to have been picked as the site for the much kicked around fight, with November as the time.

The IBC had been left without a big outdoor promotion as the match now had landed in the indoor season.

Robinson's maneuvering appears to have stemmed from considerations other than those having to do with his desire to make the best terms and get as much as he could out of Norris.

In the first place, Ray gave students of the situation the impression that he was afraid of the much younger, and very agile Fullmer.

In the second place, Robinson was sore. Sore, for many reasons. He blamed the IBC for the falling through of a lush match with Art Aragon in Los Angeles. This fight was in the $100,000 category and Robinson figured he could polish Art off with despatch.

The IBC denies that it had anything to do with the death of this match. But you can't make Ray believe that.

Robinson also had a beef against the IBC for failure to arrange a fight with Carmen Basilio, another fighter whom Ray rates as his special meat.

Robinson is a boxer of many moods, of many likes and dislikes. If he is not at once avid and enthusiastic for a match, he might be inclined to postpone it.

Robinson has no illusions about himself. He knows his age. He knows how much he has retrograded in ability to go fifteen rounds. If he actually fears Fullmer, he has good reason to feel that way. That fear, if it exists, does not come of a lack of courage, but of realism, and self-rating in the fight with Father Time.

Will Robinson show up for a fight with Fullmer on the appointed date? Time will answer that question.

It will be recollected that Ray had both fights with Olson deferred. Matched with George Small in Boston, he called the whole thing off on the appointed day.

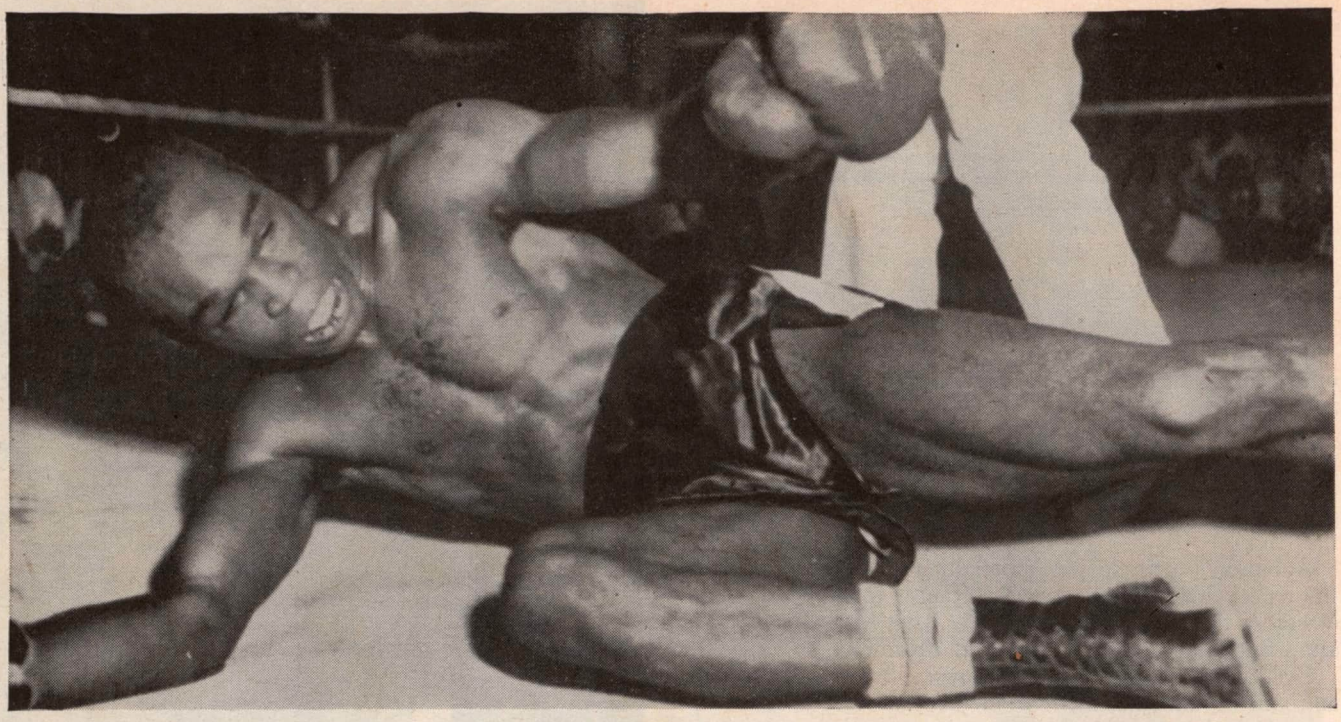
Before his comeback, he had postponements galore, so numerous there is no point in digging them out of the files. Perhaps Robinson has a complex which makes him believe himself indispensable.

Fullmer has been fighting in the professional ring only since 1951, with most of 1952 and all of 1953 out for Army service.

Gene had eleven straight knockouts to his credit before he was forced to fight ten rounds to win. That was against Garth Panter, in Salt Lake City, on September 25, 1951.

Since his discharge from service, Fullmer has had 22 fights, with five knockout victories, and three setbacks, all in 1955. He lost ten rounders to Eduardo Lausse, Bobby Boyd and Turner, against whom he avenged himself some ten weeks later, and again this year.

It may be significant that Fullmer has not scored a knockout in his fifteen most recent fights. His latest knockout came against Dick Wolfe in four rounds at West Jordan on August 16, 1954.



The knockdown which gave Brown the title. Smith is shown on the canvas for the second time in the fourteenth round, when the bell came to Buddy's rescue.

JOE BROWN—NEW CHAMP

Joey broke hand in second round yet he dethroned Bud Smith in world lightweight championship bout, with split decision.

THE OLD QUESTION AS TO WHO WINS A FIGHT, THE BOXER WHO IS THE AGGRESSOR OR THE ONE WHO THOUGH IN RETREAT SCORES THE MOST PUNCHES, was revived as a result of the victory of Joe Brown over Wallace (Bud) Smith in New Orleans, for the world lightweight crown and "The Ring Magazine" championship belt.

Those who saw the contest in the Municipal Arena of New Orleans, as I did, were well in the majority in their opinion that the verdict in favor of Brown was definitely just. If one were to listen to the arguments of most of those who scored the fight through the medium of television, Smith won from Broadway to China.

Should an aggressive, but ineffective boxer receive more credit for his futile efforts than an opponent who is ever on the retreat but while so engaged, keeps tossing jabs with accuracy? That's exactly what happened in New Orleans where, for the first time in more than half a century, I saw a one-handed fighter plaster the face of the champion who kept following him all around the ring but couldn't hit his target.

Smith tried hard enough. He never let up in his attempt to catch up with his challenger. He tossed many punches at Joe, who, Buddy's followers asserted, was in flight and not in retreat. But only a few landed while almost every jab directed at the defending title holder hit the mark.

That's what counts in scoring points. Those effective jabs, added to the knockdowns for counts of eight and six in the fourteenth round, put Brown on top. Though the decision was split with Judge Frederick Adams voting for Smith, 7-6-2, Judge Charles Dabney tabbing Brown the victor, 9-3-3 and Referee Ronald Brown handing it to Brown, 12 to 3, there was little dissent among the 7201 onlookers. They applauded the verdict vociferously.

Even Smith in his dressing room acknowledged the loss, when he remarked in an interview with me that he, Brown, had won. He said:

"I just couldn't get going. His run-and-hit tactics bewildered me and made me miss many punches I should have landed."

And that's how I saw it. My tally showed Brown the winner by a 9-4-2 margin, several rounds more than most of the scribes handed the winner, the extra tally being awarded the new champion because of the ineffectiveness of the defending title holder.

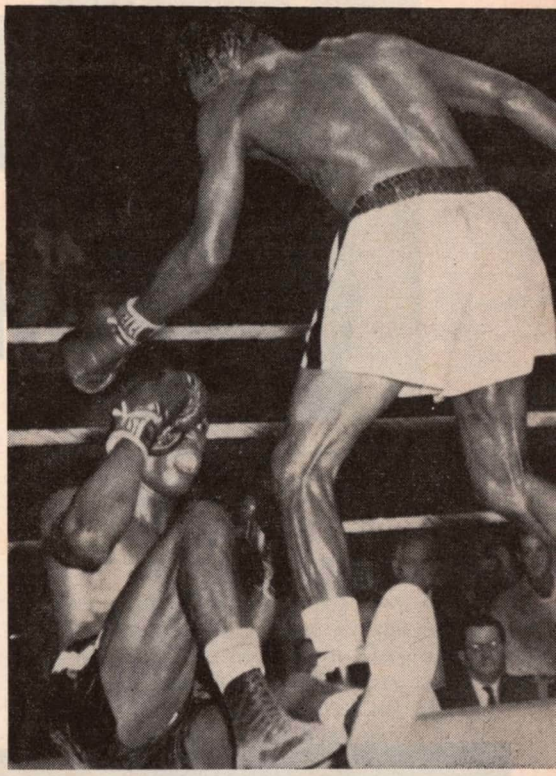
30 YEAR OLD CARPENTER HAD STINGING LEFT JAB

Brown, 30 years old carpenter, finished with a whirlwind rally after rolling up a fair margin in the early rounds with the use of one hand—a stinging left jab that seldom missed. He made ring history when he fought thirteen of the fifteen rounds with a broken hand during which, except in two rounds, he never even attempted to toss his right. It was not until the fourteenth, when he saw an opening, that he decided to take a gamble with his right.

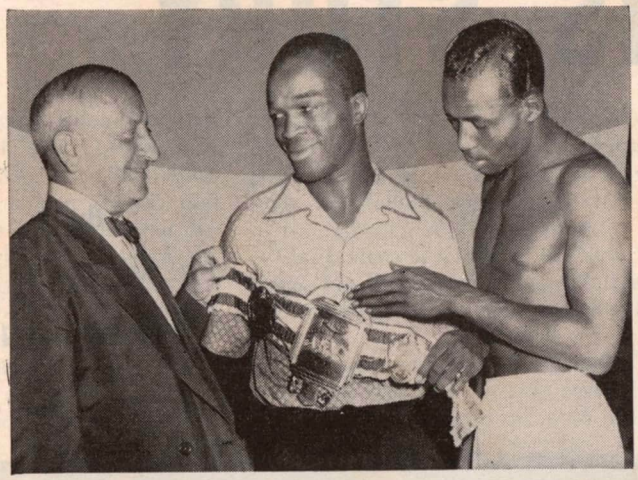
By NAT FLEISCHER

Then Brown opened up an attack that had Smith on the verge of a knockout. He crashed a left to the head and followed with a right that landed on the jaw and put the losing champion down for a count of eight. He arose wobbly.

Smith staggered and Brown, sensing the kill, rushed forth, something he hadn't done in any of the other sessions, and despite terrific pain he said he suffered when interviewed after the fight, he let go his right and slammed it with force flush on the jaw for a second knockdown. The referee had reached six when the bell sounded.



Joey's gamble with his broken right hand paid off in the fourteenth round when he dropped Smith for a count of eight. When the losing champion got to his feet, he was sent down again. The bell saved him from a knockout.



Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring Magazine, presenting to Buddy Smith his lightweight championship belt. This was before Buddy lost the title to Brown, who is admiring the belt, a duplicate of which now will go to him.

That gong saved Smith from a sure knockout, judging by his fifteenth round performance in which Bud was still groggy for more than a minute after the round got under way.

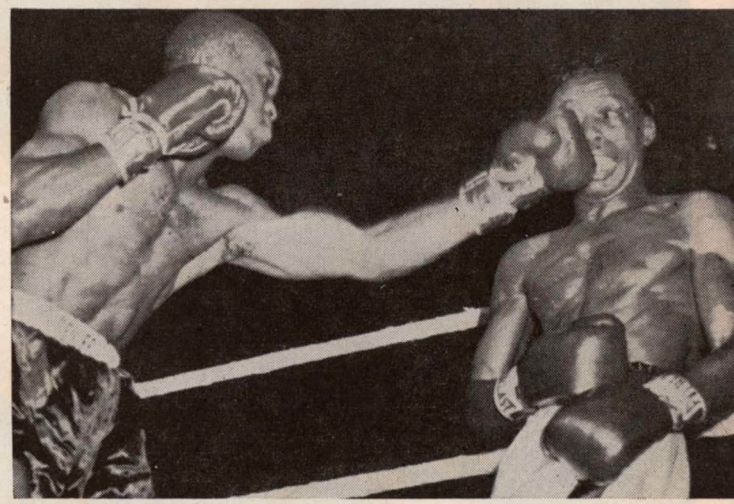
In all my years following boxing, I had never seen a case similar to that of Brown. I have witnessed boxers on the verge of a knockout make a comeback and win the championship but never a challenger fighting his way to the crown for thirteen rounds with only one hand!

The effects of Brown's injury were plainly visible to all, both in the arena and on television. Smith noted the condition as early as the fifth round when he started an uphill climb after dropping the first four rounds. A clouting right hander in the second that buckled the champ's knees, was the cause of the break.

Brown, who had outpointed Smith in a non-title bout in Houston last May, scaled 133 pounds to 134½ for Buddy. Throughout the fight the newly crowned king baffled his opponent both by his backward movements and his bobbing, weaving and straight lefts to the face.

It was the first world championship bout in 39 years in New Orleans where John L. Sullivan, "The Mighty," was defeated by Jim Corbett in the first heavyweight title contest with gloves. The latest title contest drew a gross of $48,430 with a net of $34,640.

Though the bout was not an exciting one except for the fourteenth round—a sensational one—the affair, well conducted by Bonnie Geigerman and Jim Owens, was most satisfactory to the home folk because of Brown's victory.



Brown is having a bad time in the sixth round. He is shown trying in vain to elude a twisting left.

Bill Gore, trainer of Joey Brown, examines the injured hand of the newly crowned lightweight king.

BROWN GOES HOT AFTER SMITH IN THIRTEENTH ROUND

In the thirteenth round the new champion started his rally when he came out of his corner after some advice by his chief second, Bill Gore, and landed six left hooks to Smith's jaw. Twice Buddy's head went bobbing back from the force. Each was effective. In that round, for only the

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JOE BROWN
HIS STORY

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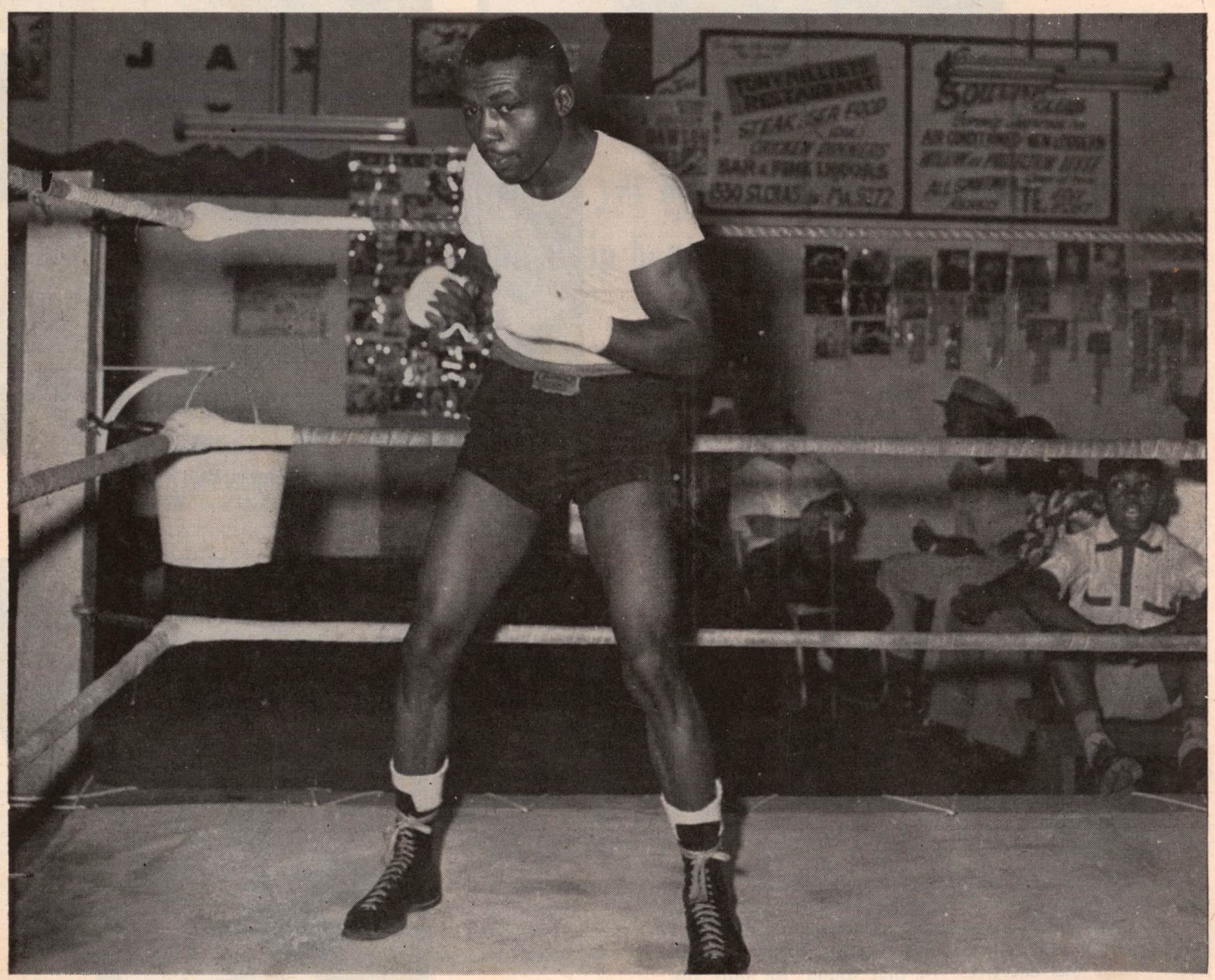
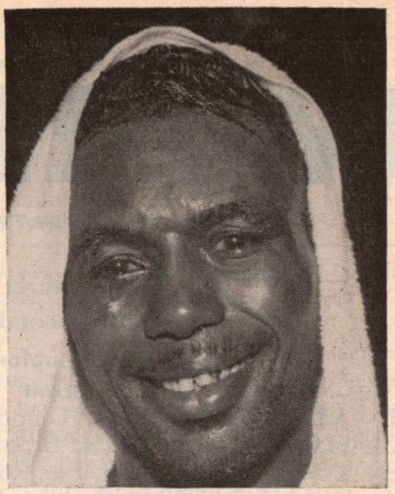


New Orleans Flash, Who Fought Them All, Made Good, Despite Handicap, When Opportunity Finally Arrived



Done Up Brown. Joe Brown, new lightweight champion, flashes a smile of contentment now that he has won crown.

THE Ring Record Book says that Joe Brown, of New Orleans, La., was born on May 18, 1926. Actually, he was born a year earlier, and now that the same Joe Brown has become the lightweight champion of the world, he is willing to admit his "perjury". You see, being 31 years old has made him the oldest fighter ever to win the 135-pound title. Jimmy Carter, who made a career of winning and losing the title, was 31 when he took it over for the third time. But no one in the history of the division that dates back to 1868 ever captured it for the first time that late in life.

It was on August 24, 1956, in the Auditorium of the city of his birth that Joe Brown came out of virtual obscurity to win his place in the world. He fought a one-handed fight after the second round and defeated defending champion Wallace "Bud" Smith with the almost exclusive use of a left jab and a left hook. Of course, a couple of right hands played a part in the picture.

One of them, in the second round, shook champion Smith but also dictated the tempo of the fight. The blow broke Brown's hand. The next one, in the fourteenth round, thrown through a maize of pain and desperation, almost knocked Smith out and assured Brown of the victory he had fought for and prayed for.

Who is Joe Brown? I guess you can say Joe Brown is like the Joe Smith they nominated for vice-president. He is everybody and nobody. He is like a lot of good fighters who keep plodding along through the years waiting for the break that will make them a little money and get them a chance for bigger things.

Joe has been doing that since he began as a professional in 1946. He had never boxed as an amateur, except in the Service. He spent 21 months in the Navy, was in seven Pacific invasions and was discharged in 1945. Somewhere in that period of 21 months, he fought and won 16 service bouts, including the title of all-service lightweight champion.

"It was silly for me to continue as an amateur," he says. *"I came out of the Service needing money. I felt I was a good enough fighter to be a pro. Everybody was telling me how good I was in the Service. So I turned pro."*

On January 13, 1946, in New Orleans, Joe Brown made his debut as a fight-for-pay battler and lost his first bout.

"My managers were brave people," he continues. *"In my seventh fight, they had me in a ten-rounder with Buster Tyler, a top name at the time. I lost that one. I fought Tyler again and held him to a draw.*

My next few opponents were fellows like Jimmy Carter, Sandy Saddler and Arthur King. I beat Carter and King but got stopped by Saddler. They threw me at fighters like Freddie Dawson and Johnny Bratton. I was always the opponent.

I didn't make much money and even when I beat most of those guys, nothing happened. It was not until October 10, 1952, that I fought my first fight on television. You know what happened? I fought George Araujo in the St. Nicholas Arena in New York and froze up. He stopped me in the seventh round. I thought that would be the end of any hopes for me. But a fellow needs to earn a living."

The change, of course, arrived when Lou Viscusi took over Brown's fistic destiny. Viscusi, manager of the great Willie Pep, among others, knew what a really good fighter Brown was.

"I saw a potential champion in Brown," declared Lou. *"He was just fighting for a purse. I impressed on him that he could be champion. He had never even been trained properly or taught anything. He was a natural fighter.*

"We changed that. With my trainer, Bill Gore, we saw to it that he was given every physical chance for winning a title. We changed his mental outlook on fighting, too. And those two factors brought him up to the title."

Joe Brown was born actually in Baton Rouge, La. He stands 5 feet, 7½ inches tall and has always had a lanky-looking, skinny frame. His father was and is a carpenter. Joe is the only son. He has two sisters, Violet and Velma. Joe has been happily married to Dorothy, a local girl, for almost ten years and his three sons are the pride of his life.

Joe went as far as the 11th grade in McKinley High School at Baton Rouge. Despite his low weight, he was the half back star of the football team and also played baseball and basketball. After school, he went to work and has done many things.

He was a physical culture expert, a chemist and a carpenter. It was at the Midwest Institute, in Chicago, where he worked on auto fenders, that a former lightweight named Johnny Jackson induced him to become a fighter.

Joe's favorite fighter is Ray Robinson and his hobbies, fishing, hunting, baseball and basketball. He still plays a bit.

"It was a real rocky road to the top," he asserted. *"It's nice when you finally get there and nothing can beat it when they call you champ. I never thought I'd make it."*

Brown never thought he'd make it, but once he got his big opportunity, the title fight, he was certain that the championship would be his. The injury to his right hand in the second round may have put some doubts in his mind. But he was too determined, too intent on winning the world championship and, after boxing brilliantly through thirteen rounds, he gambled for an all-out victory. This was it, now or never. And in the fourteenth he exploded a right hand flush on the jaw of Wallace (Bud) Smith. Smith went down. The championship was Brown's right then and there, though Smith lasted the distance.

Thrown to the wolves early in his career, always the opponent, never rated much of a chance of going any place, Brown proved that persistence and determination pays off. That and a good right, even if it's a bad good right hand.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING SEPT. 21, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Title Vacant

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
4—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
5—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
7—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
8—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**JOHNNY SUMMERLIN,** Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
3—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
4—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
5—**NEAL RIVERS,** Las Vegas, Nevada
6—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
7—**ELLSWORTH (SPIDER) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
9—**EDUARDO LAUSSE,** Argentina
10—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
3—**WALLACE (BUD) SMITH,** Cincinnati, O.
4—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
5—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
6—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
7—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
8—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
9—**LUDWIG LIGHTBURN,** British Honduras
10—**RICHIE HOWARD,** Canada

BANTAMWEIGHTS

(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
MARIO D'AGATA, Italy

1—**RAUL (RATON) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
5—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
6—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
7—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
8—**JEAN RENARD,** Belgium
9—**KEVIN JAMES,** Australia
10—**GERMAN OHM,** Mexico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
2—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
3—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
4—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
5—**GORDON WALLACE,** Canada
6—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
7—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
8—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
9—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
10—**DOGOMAR MARTINEZ,** Uruguay

WELTERWEIGHTS

(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
CARMEN BASILIO, Syracuse, N. Y.

1—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
2—**JOHNNY SAXTON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
7—**CLARENCE (DUKE) HARRIS,** Detroit, Mich.
8—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**DARBY BROWN,** Australia
10—**EMILIO MARCONI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS

(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
2—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
3—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
4—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**FRED GALIANA,** Spain
6—**MIGUEL BERRIOS,** Puerto Rico
7—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
8—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
9—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
10—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela

FLYWEIGHTS

(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
5—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba
8—**BINDI JACK,** Australia
9—**ROBERT POLLAZON,** France
10—**DICK CURRIE,** Scotland

CARMEN BASILIO

Fighter of the Month

CARMEN BASILIO, by regaining the world welterweight championship from Johnny Saxton in Syracuse, is The Ring's *"Fighter of the Month."* Basilio avenged the defeat he suffered in Chicago when he dropped the crown to the Brooklyn Boy.

The Syracuse contest, the only title bout staged in New York State this summer, showed the top ranking welterweights at their best.

Every division but the light heavyweight, saw a number of changes, with Joe Brown's victory over Wallace (Bud) Smith in New Orleans to win the lightweight championship the other world's title contest staged during the past month.

In the heavyweight class, the easy victory of Harold Carter over Johnny Summerlin enabled the Jersey lad to climb further up the challenger's ladder. He is now rated sixth while Summerlin dropped from ninth to tenth changing places with Bob Satterfield. One more such poor performance as he gave against Carter and he'll be dropped out of the rated ten.

Willie Pastrano's victory over fast coming Pat McMurtry, hitherto undefeated, has advanced him from fifth to fourth with Bob Baker dropped a peg from fourth to fifth.

In the middleweight ranks, Carl (Bobo) Olson's announcement of his retirement as a middleweight to enter the light heavyweight division, has brought about his temporary elimination from the rated class and Spider Webb of Chicago has moved into the ratings in seventh place due to his upset victory over previously unbeaten Rory Calhoun. Charley Joseph of New Orleans has dropped from sixth to eighth due to his loss to Willie Vaughn, and Neal Rivers of Las Vegas has been upped from eighth to fifth.

Darby Brown, Australia's best pugilist, has advanced from tenth to ninth in the welterweight class, exchanging places with Emilio Marconi of Italy. Johnny Saxton, who lost his crown to Basilio, is now rated in second place behind Tony DeMarco who leads the challengers.

Teddy Davis, loser to Richie Howard of Canada, has been removed from the lightweight rankings, with his conqueror replacing him in tenth spot. Wallace (Bud) Smith, former champion, has been dropped to third spot, while Jimmy Carter, who was kayoed by Larry Boardman, dropped from third to seventh. Boardman moved up to second and Cisco Andrade who was kayoed by welterweight Art Aragon dropped to fourth.

There were a number of changes in the featherweight class where Flash Elorde, ranked fourth, was dropped to seventh as a result of his loss to Miguel Berrios. Paul Jorgensen of Texas and Carmelo Costa of Brooklyn each move up to third and fourth respectively, while Berrios advanced from tenth to sixth. Ciro Morasen, Ike Chestnut and Victor (Sonny) Leon each dropped one place.

European champion Fred Galiana, beaten in a non-title bout by Bobby Ros, went down to fifth from his previously high ranking and Cherif Hamia has replaced the Spaniard in second position.

The retirement of Robert Cohen of France, former bantam king, has brought about his elimination and all men rated below third position where he previously had been listed, have advanced one post. German Ohm, of Mexico, an excellent young battler, has joined the select circle, in tenth position.

Veteran Jake Tuli, of South Africa, due to inactivity, has been dropped from the flyweight class, and Scottish champion Dick Currie has been added in tenth post. Oscar Suarez of Cuba, who stopped Cliff Eskridge, has been advanced from tenth to seventh post.

Here are the major results of the month.

PROSPECT FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—John Harper, Steubenville, O.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—George Jarosch, Milwaukee, Wisc.
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Cleo Frazier, Stockton, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHT—Tommy Thomas, Portland, Ore.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Soloman Boysaw, Cleveland, O.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Al Olivera, Mexico
BANTAMWEIGHT—Avelino Felix, Mexico
FLYWEIGHT—Roy Chambers, Jamaica, BWI.

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Willie Pastrano snapped Pat McMurtry winning streak by defeating him, 10.

Eddie Machen outscored Julio Mederos, 10.

Harold Carter outclassed Johnny Summerlin, 10.

Joe Erskine won vacant British title by outpointing Johnny Williams, 15.

Harry Matthews outpointed Ezzard Charles, 10. Zora Folley decisioned Roger Rischer, 12.

Howard King outscored Joe Sandell, 10. Roy Harris outscored Oscar Pharo, 10. Emile Vidal polished off Alex Ceremonia, 3.

Warnell Lester defeated Jim Persey, 10. Pedro Klyssen halted Marcel Limage, 6.

Cleveland Williams kayoed Johnny Hollins, 3. Hollins also lost to light heavy Calvin Brad, 8. John Harper whipped Art Mayorga, 8.

Brian London polished off Trevor Snell, 2. J. D. Marshall kayoed Johnny Mason, 5.

Garvin Sawyer kayoed Terry Jackson, 1. Wayne Womochil defeated Russell Grothe, 6. Jack Flood kayoed Bernie Spencer, 3.

Amos Lincoln kayoed Georgie Woods, 4, and Babe Hunt, 6, defeated Charley Que, 6. Bob Scrivines kayoed Raul Flores, 2.

Fernando Fala defeated Paul Moody, 5. Nick Vasquez decisioned Babe Hunt, 6.

Jimmy Taylor and Oliver Walker drew, 6. Joe Bramaham defeated Luther Chambers, 5. Hans Friedrich outmauled Spanish Champion Jose Gonzales, 10. Hans Brendemuhl drew with Horst Herold, 8. Augie Turiano kayoed Joe Woods, 2. George Chuvalo kayoed Joe Evans, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Archie Moore stopped Roy Shire, 3. (non-title).

Artie Towne whipped Sam Langford, 10. Australian titleholder Ricardo Marcos defeated Don Johnson, 10. Yvon Durelle stopped Tinker Picot, 4.

Calvin Brad whipped Johnny Hollins, 8, and Frank Lawson, 8. Roger Wiley stopped John Victor Penn, 2, and James Williams, 3. Wim Snoek decisioned Don Ellis, 10.

Joe Damiami outscored Snowy Boyd, 10. Charley Que defeated Charley Black, 6, but lost to heavyweight Amos Lincoln, 6. Eddy Jenkins defeated Clyde Watson, 6.

Eddie DeMars kayoed Jimmy Thornton, 1. Johnny Bullard kayoed Curly Mahan, 6, but lost to Al McCoy, 10. Fred Lewis kayoed Joe Valle, 2. Widmer Milandri outpointed Luciano Greco, 8. Terry Rindal kayoed Benny Mason, 2.

Angelo DeFendis whipped Said Khalfi, 6. Ennis Cheatham kayoed Sporty Lee, 2. Jack London outpointed Noel Trigg, 8. Sonny Hett and Henry Bronko drew, 6. Monk Reynolds kayoed Henry Maddox, 4. Floyd Sampson kayoed Charley Jones, 2. Miguel Napoles stopped Lino Rendon, 7. Eddie DeMars won over Mickey McGraft, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Ellsworth (Spider) Webb snapped Rory Calhoun's 23 fight winning streak by outpointing him, 10.

Joey Giardello kayoed James Bussey, 9.

Charley Joseph kayoed Jesse Turner, 6. Heinz Sattler decisioned Luis Sierra and drew with Victoriano Olivares, both 8s. Johnny Sullivan outslugged Willie Troy, 10. Louis Trochon trounced Angelo Brisci, 10. Chico Vejar defeated Ramon Fuentes, 10. Franz Szuzina decisioned Al Andrews, 10.

Charlie Green kayoed Georgie Johnson, 10. Tiberio Mitri decisioned Constant Alcantara, 10. Willie Vaughn kayoed Hank Davis, 7.

Jerry Luedee stopped Bob Provizzi, 6. Kid Azteca kayoed Willie Risko, 6. Sugar Boy Nando stopped Jerry Fowler, 10. Sal Flores whipped Al Williams, 10.

Tex Gonzales outfought Fernando Spallotta, 10. Andre Drille drew with Francois Anewey, 10. Jimmy Martinez outscored Kid Zacatecas, 10.

Joe Schmolze whipped Jimmy Hergerle, 10. Clive Stewart defeated Clarrie Grogan, 10, Grogan defeated Luigi Male, 10.

Dick Lane kayoed J. C. Johnson, 2, and Willie Lewis, 2. Don Johnson kayoed Rod Litzow, 7, but lost to light heavyweight Ricardo Marcos, 10. Chebo Hernandez kayoed Bob Terrance, 3.

Bill Beazley won from Luigi Coluzzi, 10. Stan Micheaux whipped Ted Doncaster, 10. George Knowles bested Andy Mayfield, 8. Joe Damiani outpointed Snowy Boyd, 12.

Eddie Thompson upset Eddie Connors, 8. Harry Castle stopped Clive French, 10.

Frankie (Kid) Anslem stopped Amen Peck, 4. Laroy Green bested Billy Tyree, 8. Luis Villa whipped Mario Hernandez, 6, and kayoed Andres Gonzales, 4. Gene Hamilton beat Buddy Rush, 6.

Tim Burns defeated Nick Farrelly, 10. Edmund George won over Willis Boyd, 8. Lester Earls and George King drew, 6. Earls also kayoed Harold Young, 1. Otis Woodard defeated Destino Lois, 6.

Jimmy Muse bested Sanford Barrom, 10. Eddie Sims kayoed Bill Tate, 2. Jesse Gray kayoed Larry Osbey, 1. Leffie Walker beat Major Woodson, 6.

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Big Outdoor Fights Had Stirring Sidelights

By TED CARROLL

SOMETHING'S missing from the good old Summertime when there's no big outdoor fight. The plain truth of the matter is that not only New York, usual location of the fistic extravaganzas, but the whole country—sometimes the whole world—gets a charge out of all the suspense, excitement, and ballyhoo that surround a big-time boxing bout.

Nothing draws the standouts from all walks of life like the big fight. Take last year's Marciano-Moore million dollar baby for instance. Both of New York's most recent governors and former presidential aspirants, Averill Harriman and Thomas E. Dewey were among those present, along with New York's mayor Bob Wagner, Pennsylvania Governor Leader, former Democratic administration stalwarts Michael Di Salle, and James A. Farley, General Douglas MacArthur, and innumerable lesser lights turned out for the gala occasion.

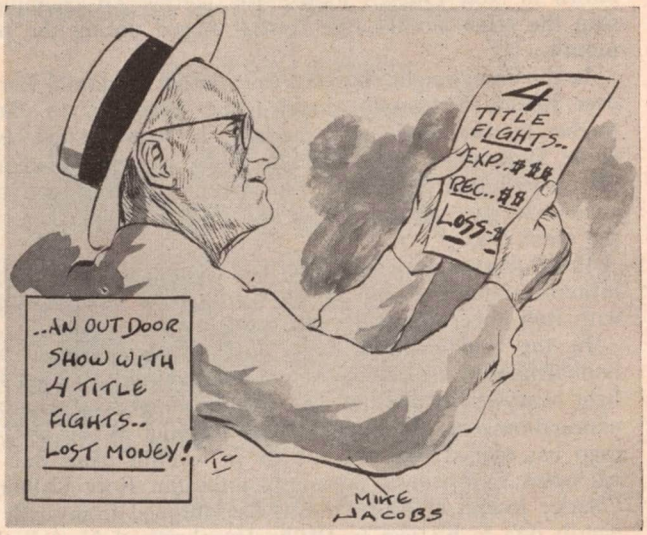
The gathering included just about every show business celebrity who could possibly make it, spearheaded by Frank Sinatra, big business bigwigs, society scintillants and every other type of well-known you can think of. These all were present to compose the stellar audience which shows up for a big outdoor fight alone.

Although no one yet has computed the cash value of the stimulation given to local business by a big fight it must be enormous since big fight fans are spenders who trigger a chain reaction of buying which effects just about everything on the market. So when a barren year like 1956 comes along there is the feeling that something is wrong somewhere.

OUTDOOR FIGHTS SPARK MANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS

Aside from the economic angle and the social aspect, common to all of them, many of the outdoor fights have been featured by incidents which have enlivened and added to the history of the times. Old Joe Humphries' dramatic request for a moment of silent prayer for Charles Lindbergh, at that moment winging his lonely way across the stormy Atlantic, just before Jack Sharkey and Jim Maloney entered the ring in the Polo Grounds on May 20, 1927 was one of these.

Torrential rains which drenched 120,000 at the first Dempsey-Tunney fight in Philadelphia back in 1926, and the tranportation difficulties encountered by water logged writers in getting back to the heart of town from the remote Municipal Stadium, was a rough deal which under the spell of nostalgia becomes a cherished experience, rather than the messy inconvenience it actually was.



Money minded fight people still stand less in awe of the fabulous feat of staging four championship fights on a single card—middleweights Fred Apostoli and Marcel Thil, welters Ceferino Garcia and Barney Ross, lightweights Lew Ambers and Pedro Montanez and bantams Harry Jeffra and Sixto Escobar—by Mike Jacobs in 1937, than of the startling fact that the multi-titled show lost a sizable chunk.

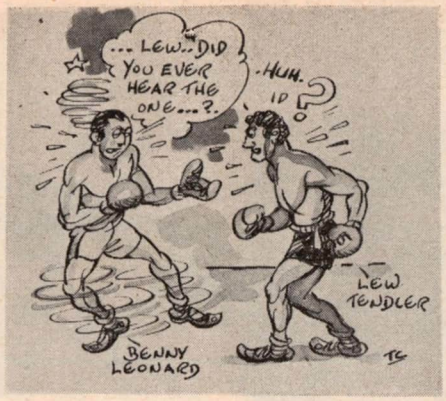
Mike's financial setback hinged about the whopping $80,000 guarantee for lightweight king Ambers, wangled out of him by wily Al Weill. When Uncle Miguel beseeched the canny Al the following day for a rebate on the huge guarantee, pointing to the financial failure of the show, he got a classic comeback from Weill.

"Listen, Mike, if you had cleaned up with the show, you sure wouldn't have given me any more, why should I take less just because it didn't do so good?," Al inquired.

In the old days Ebbets Field was the scene of battles staged by either Humbert Fugazy or Jimmy Johnston, promoters of connections and capability. But reviewing all the fights held there, and they included a near half million dollar affair between Paul Berlenbach and Jack Delaney back in 1926, ring vets still marvel at how chubby John Buckley, manager of erratic Jack Sharkey, managed to get up on the ring ledge in time to block an unscheduled exit from the ring by Sharkey by way of a plunge through the ropes.

This happened after Sharkey had dropped big Primo Carnera, in the sixth round and in a fit of temper because

the referee had apparently given the big fellow a slow count, tried to jump out of the ring, only to bump into the barrier of the bulging Buckley, and bounce right back into the arena.



THIS ONE ENDED PRACTICE OF COLUMBUS DAY FIGHTS

In those days Columbus Day wasn't considered too late in the season for outdoor shows, but the Sharkey-Carnera clash on Oct. 12, 1931, took care of that tradition. It was one of the coldest Autumn nights ever in New York and the Columbus Day custom of holding fights outdoors came to a chilly ending.

The three outdoor fights between Jimmy McLarnin and Barney Ross in 1934 and 1935 were not merely the opening salvos in the winning war of the Jacobs combine against Madison Sq. Garden. They were further unusual in that a majority of fans and writers still feel that the decisions were called just backwards in each meeting between the evenly matched pair.

Ross won the first bout, McLarnin the second, and Ross took the rubber match. All three verdicts could just as easily have been called the other way. The last one, refereed by Jack Dempsey, aroused such a squawk from McLarnin's manager, the late Pop Foster, Dempsey never refereed another bout in New York.

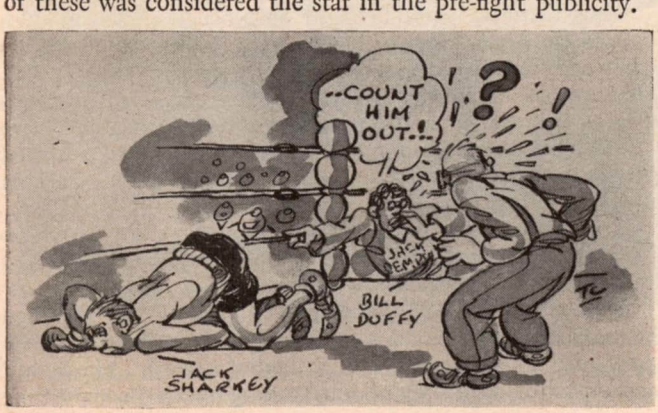
Those close to the scene can vouch for the haymaker Rocky Graziano tossed at a heckling fan, on his way back to the dressing room, after losing to Tony Zale in Yankee Stadium, in 1947. Luckily Rocky missed, thereby averting additional excitement, as well as a possible law suit.

Among other things, the Johnson-Jeffries affair, actually the forerunner of the modern big outdoor boxing deals, proved to be a fooler in a welcome way. Since this was a long time ago, 1910, a great deal of bias and bitter feeling had been stirred up by the match all over the country.

Therefore, when Johnson's hand was raised as the winner, there were anxious moments. Nothing happened in the sun-baked arena out west, to the surprise and relief of everyone. Although there were disturbances in Chicago and New York, there was no unpleasant aftermath at the scene of battle.

WALKER-GREB FIGHT ONLY A SEMI-FINAL!

Since it brought together a couple of all-time-greats, Mickey Walker then welterweight king, and Harry Greb, fighting for Greb's middleweight title Humbert Fugazy's Italian Hospital Fund Show in the Polo Grounds thirty-one years ago, needed no other claim to lasting note. But the startler comes, when oldsters reveal that the Greb-Walker setto was not considered the main bout. This honor was accorded the meeting between Harry Wills and clever Charley Weinert of Jersey City, and furthermore none of these was considered the star in the pre-fight publicity.

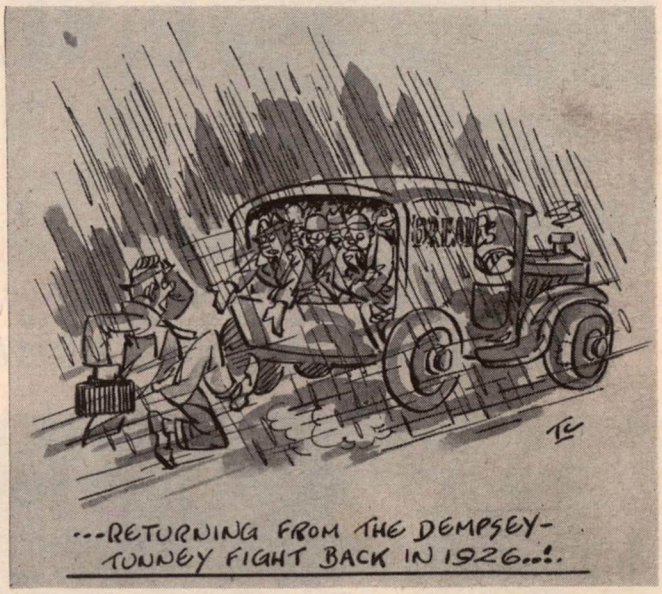


This spot was reserved for nineteen year old Jimmy Slattery of Buffalo, reigning ring sensation of the day, recent two-time winner over the great Jack Delaney, appearing in a super-special six round bout. Slattery, incidentally was knocked out by light hitting welterweight Dave Shade, in the biggest boxing upset of the entire Roaring Twenties.

The old Garden Bowl has long since been torn down, but this Queens, Long Island, spot was the graveyard of champions. No titleholder ever entered the ring as one and left it still champion. Scene of the biggest surprise in heavyweight title history, Braddock's victory over Baer in 1935, ringsiders still retain an unforgettable picture of then Garden boxing boss Jimmy Johnston, parading around the rim of the ring, doffing his straw hat in mock bows to the writers and others who had made James J. a hundred to one shot.

Johnston had good reason to carry on, Joe Louis had appeared on the horizon in tow of rival Jacobs, but Braddock's victory still retained for the Garden and Johnston, the big title and a contract giving them—so they thought—the exclusive services of James J. Braddock.

The great Benny Leonard usually let his fists do his talk-



ing, but there was one night his quick tongue stood him in good stead when his mitts failed him. A great crowd packed Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City the night in 1922, when Benny the lightweight king, and Lew Tendler, the leading contender, fought ten no-decision rounds.

Halfway through the fight, staggered by the Philly southpaw and obviously in trouble, onlookers saw Benny bring Lew to a halt by talking to him. By the time Tendler untracked himself it was too late, the ringwise New Yorker's head had cleared and he was himself again.

WHAT DID LEONARD SAY TO LEW TENDLER

No one yet has known what it was Leonard said that stalled Tendler's attack. Benny himself was always vague on the details of the conversation. To some he said, he flustered the Philadelphian by speaking to him in Yiddish which so surprised Tendler, he became confused.

Few fighters have been better liked by members of the press than recently retired Rocky Marciano, but the hoodlumish horde of rear seat rooters who never failed to invade the ringside, swarming over the Fourth Estaters, making it

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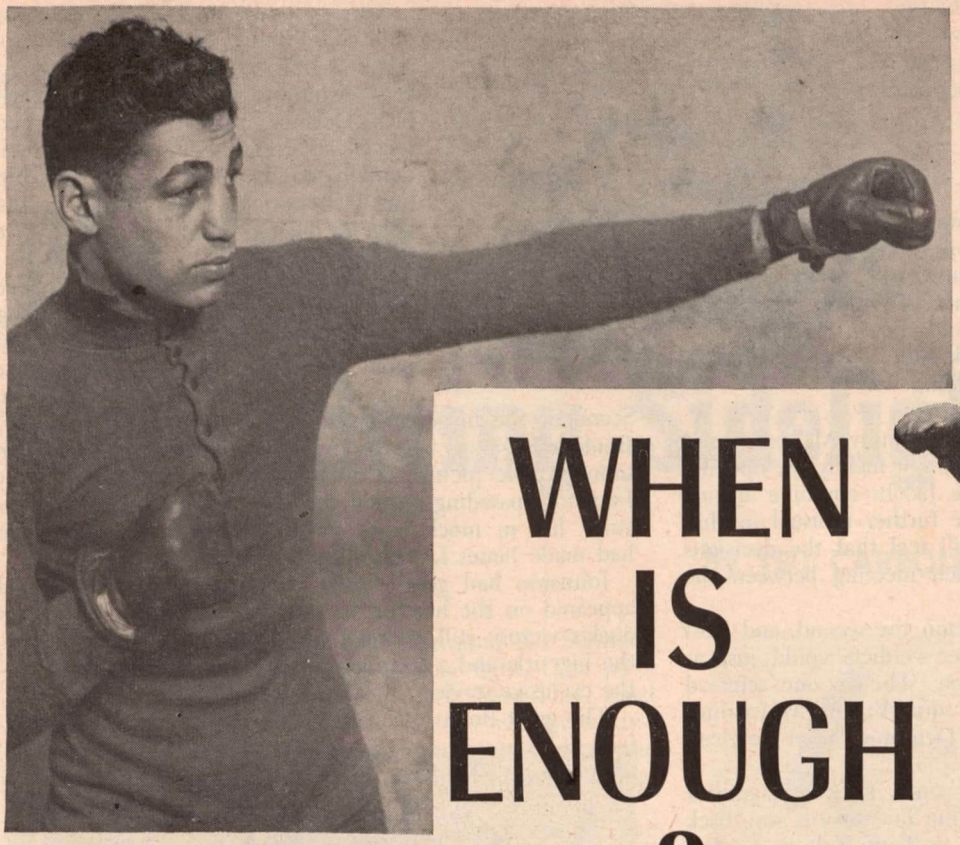
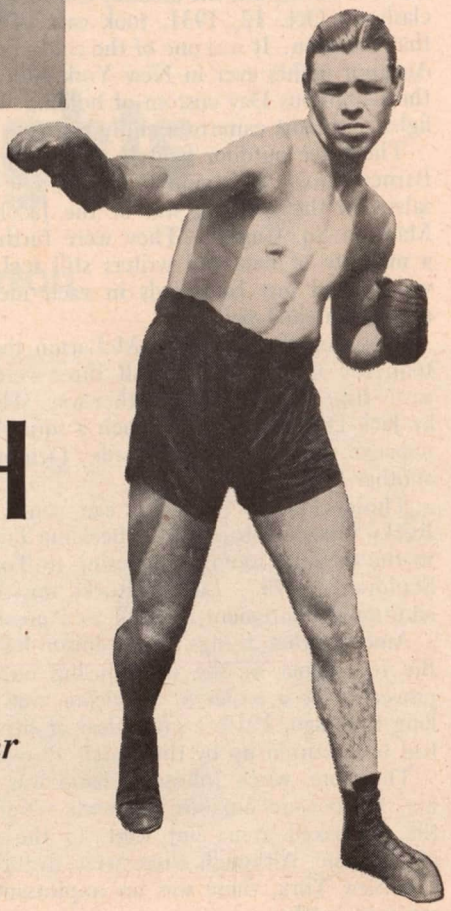


An exciting, popular lightweight "club fighter", Willie Jackson's career suddenly caught up to him. After absorbing vicious lacing from Charley White, Jackson disintegrated rapidly and met with pitiful finish in bout with Johnny Shugrue.



One of ring's all-time greats, Mickey Walker (below) was a notable case of a fighter not knowing when to quit. After holding two world titles and making strong bids for two others, a faded Walker ended career with ignominious defeat by Eric Seelig.

WHEN IS ENOUGH ?

Tragedy of Boxing Is When Once Great Fighter Continues in Ring after Everybody Knows He Is Finished

By JERSEY JONES

YOU read where former world heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles is beaten again, and you wonder why Cincinnati's once sleek fighting machine refuses to quit the ring.

What can Charles be hoping for in his itinerant ramblings through the hinterlands, picking up what dates and purses he can find, and getting licked by humpty-dumpty opponents who'd have had difficulty qualifying as sparmates for him in his prime?

It would hardly seem to be a financial problem with Charles. Ezzard earned himself a sizeable fortune during his long, busy years in the ring, and was intelligent enough to see that much of it was wisely invested.

Could it be a stubborn ego that won't allow him to admit he no longer is Big Time?

One of the most difficult things in this rugged trade is to convince a once top fighter that he is passe. He may admit, reluctantly, that he "*isn't as good*" as he used to be, but he'll insist that he's still "*good enough*" for the sort of opposition around. Even repeated beatings may not be able to convince him it's time to quit. More often than not he'll keep going until the authorities finally step in and force his retirement.

It never is pleasant to see a one-time headliner, particularly a world champion, hit the bottom of the fistic chute. And this agent has seen it happen entirely too often.

There was one night, back in October, 1929, when a once cagy craftsman and former light-heavyweight champion, Mike McTigue, was paired with big, hulking Jack Gagnon in the Boston Garden. A year or two before, Gagnon would have meant little more than a brisk workout for clever, sharpshooting McTigue. But Mike was now a fading veteran, with dulling reflexes and aging legs. He was an easy touch for Gagnon, who demolished him in less than a round.

Then there was another night, in November, 1935, when one of the ring's all-time greats had a sorry finish put to what had been a spectacular career. It was in New York's St. Nicholas Arena that Mickey Walker, who had held two titles (welterweight and middleweight) and threatened two others (light-heavyweight and heavyweight) was punched into a sodden mess of helplessness by a crude German mauler, Eric Seelig.

Although he had never been a champion, the rapid disintegration and pathetic finish of Willie Jackson represent another unpleasant memory to this commentator.

A New Yorker, born Oscar Tobler, Jackson was 16 when he began boxing in 1913 as a bantam. In four years he grew into a lightweight with a modest record. He hadn't accomplished anything of outstanding merit in that time

but in January, 1917, he startled the boxing world by knocking out the great Johnny Dundee in one round in Philadelphia.

That sensational performance changed Jackson from a fast, clever, light-hitting boxer into an aggressive, two-handed slugger and one of the most exciting "club fighters" the lightweight class has ever known.

Willie became a popular attraction throughout the nation. Promoters clamored for his services. In the next five years, Willie was one of the busiest campaigners in the ring. The only lightweight of consequence he didn't meet was the champion, Benny Leonard. With commendable candor, Jackson admitted Leonard was "*too good*" for him. But he made no such concessions to any other rival. He met 'em all. He and Dundee tangled no less than ten times after their Philadelphia episode. Willie was never able to topple the Scotch-Wop again, but the series produced some notable action. Jackson hooked up with Lew Tendler in five brawls and Rocky Kansas was his opponent in four slugfests. Richie Mitchell, Pinkey Mitchell, Pete Hartley, Joe Azevedo, Irish Patsy Cline, Frankie Farren and Pal Moran were only some of the many other good 'uns Jackson met in his busy jaunts around the landscape.

There was no such thing as a "soft" fight for Jackson. With his rip-roaring style, he made every bout a tough one. Inevitably, the wear and tear of his gruelling career had to catch up to him. There's a limit to what even the most durable and rugged of human bodies can absorb.

Early in 1922, Jackson was given a brutal 15-round beating by left-hooking Charley White in old Madison Square Garden. Willie's decline was rapid after that. He continued to fight but it became increasingly obvious that he was reaching the end, and reaching it fast.

The end arrived in December that year when Jackson, only 26 but a pitiful wreck of the formidable fighting machine he had been, was clobbered into collapse in ten rounds by young Johnny Shugrue in the Jersey City Armory.

Ring history is cluttered with chapters on once-top performers who, after retiring from the ring, made ill-advised returns. The most historic case, of course, was that of Jim Jeffries who, after six years away from competition, came back to be humilated by Jack Johnson in Reno in 1910. Then, there was the case of Benny Leonard.

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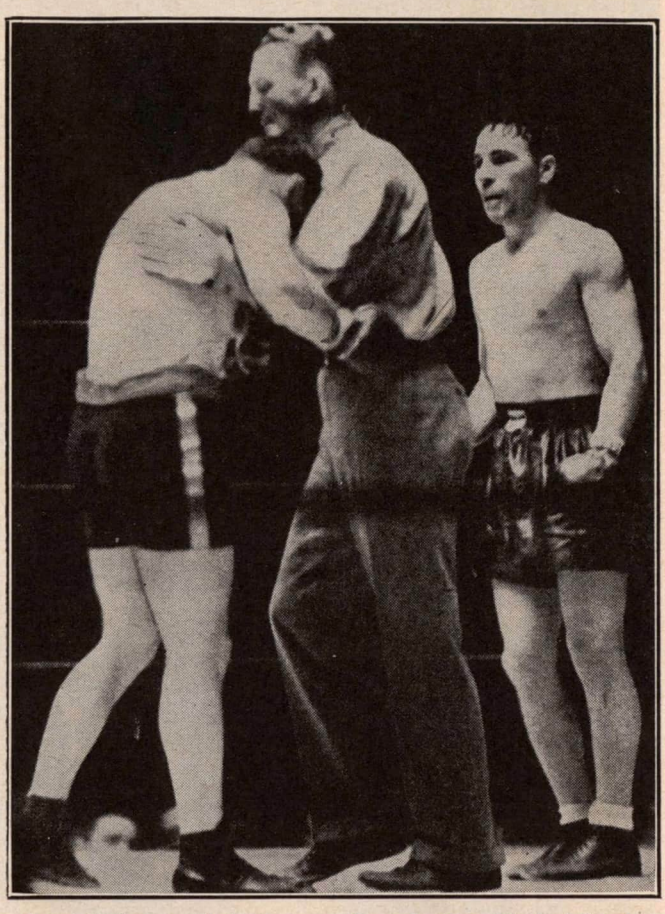
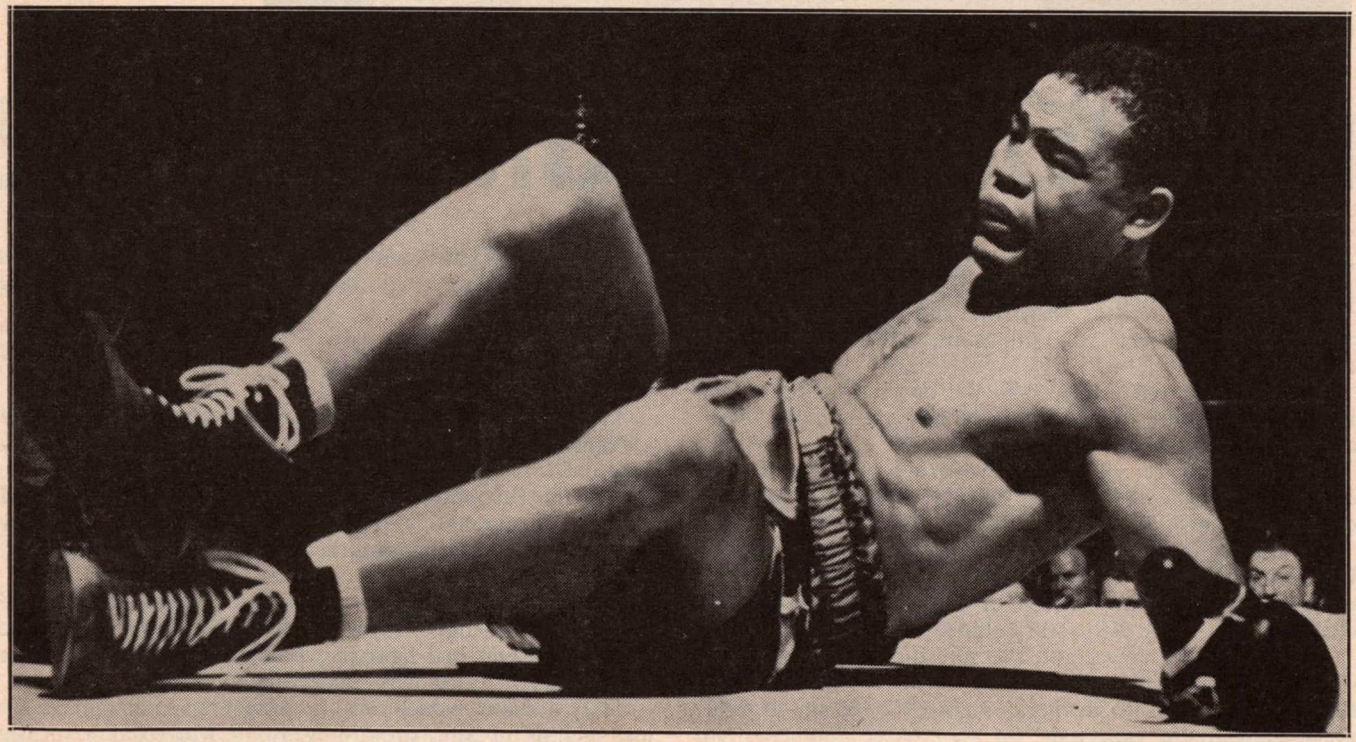
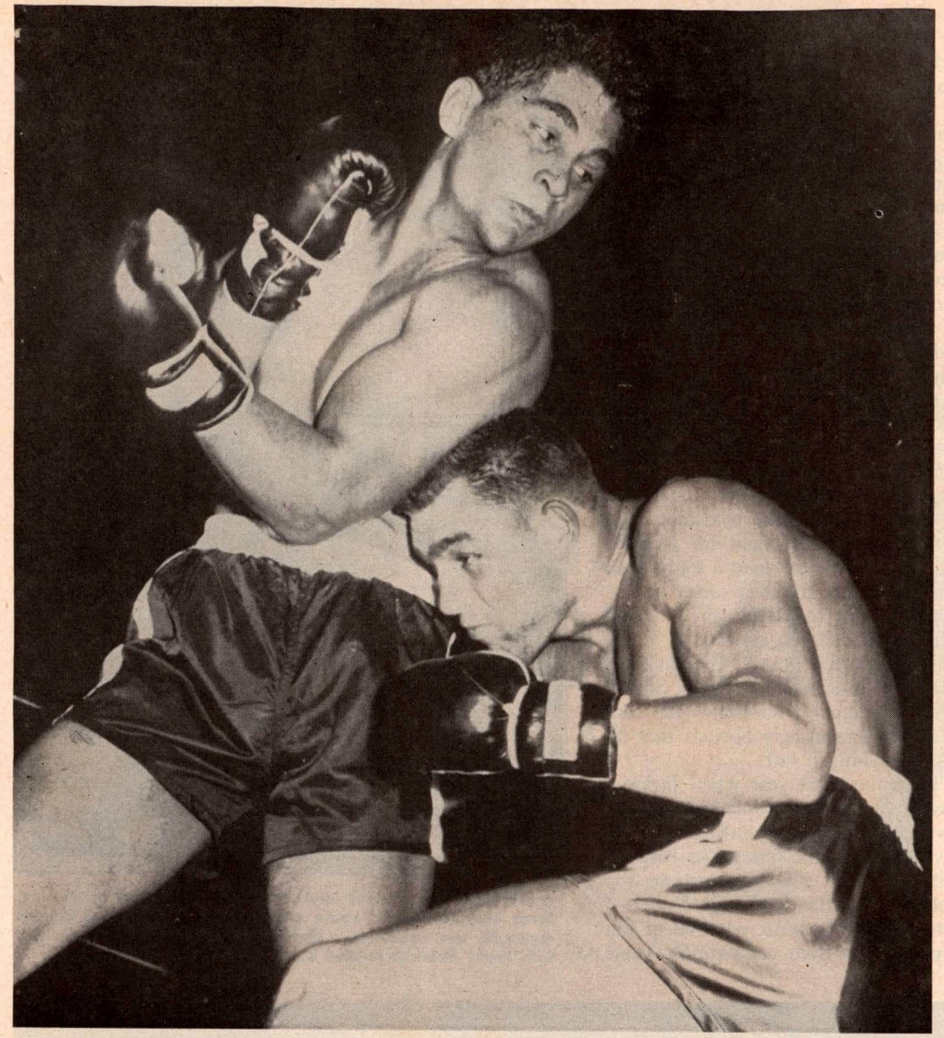


A sad finale to a glorious career. Once the Beau Ideal of the ring, Benny Leonard essayed return after seven years' absence, but his comeback was ruined when Referee Arthur Donovan halted bout with Jimmy McLarnin to save Benny from further punishment.



The grim finish of another great career was Joe Louis'. The Brown Bomber, a fat, slow, balding, passe veteran, refused to quit the ring and kept going until the inevitable happened. Here is Louis on the canvas in his disastrous meeting with Rocky Marciano.



Young Pat McMurtry ducks a left hook thrown by Willie Pastrano during their heavyweight contest in Tacoma, Wash. However Willie landed more than he missed in gaining the verdict, and handing the Northwestern favorite his first loss. Better than 11,000 fans paid a record $56,240 to see this non-TV fight.

By
NAT
LOUBET

IS THE TV BOXING PUBLIC

STUDENTS of the television situation in boxing, and this category includes all promoters, managers and fighters, as well as magazine and newspaper writers and broadcasters, have run into some very interesting evidence of late.

This evidence tends to lead to the conclusion that there is a serious waning of telecasting of important fights, even as regards closed circuit.

The evidence also seems to prove that a good way to get a fair gate for a fight is to keep it off the screen. This conclusion, of course, hardly is a new one.

On the night of August 24, in New Orleans, Joe Brown beat Bud Smith for the lightweight title, with 11,201 fans paying $43,900 for the privilege of seeing the championship change hands. The fight was televised.

The size of the crowd and the gate did not constitute a disappointment. Although Brown is from New Orleans, the fight did not figure to do better than $45,000 and it held pretty close to the expected.

That same night, at Tacoma, Wash., there was a non-televised fight, not for a title. Willie Pastrano, of New Orleans, got a ten round decision over Pat McMurtry, a home grown scrapper who had been doing some remarkable things.

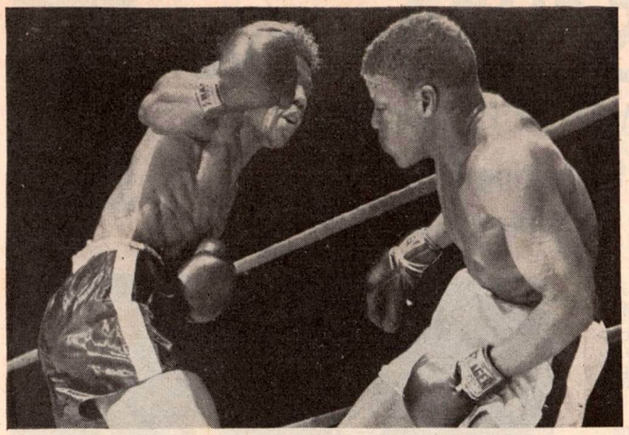
PASTRANO AND McMURTRY DRAW A $56,000 HOUSE

This fight, in a city with less population than the New Orleans area, attracted 11,095 fans who shelled out a very decent $56,240 to see it.

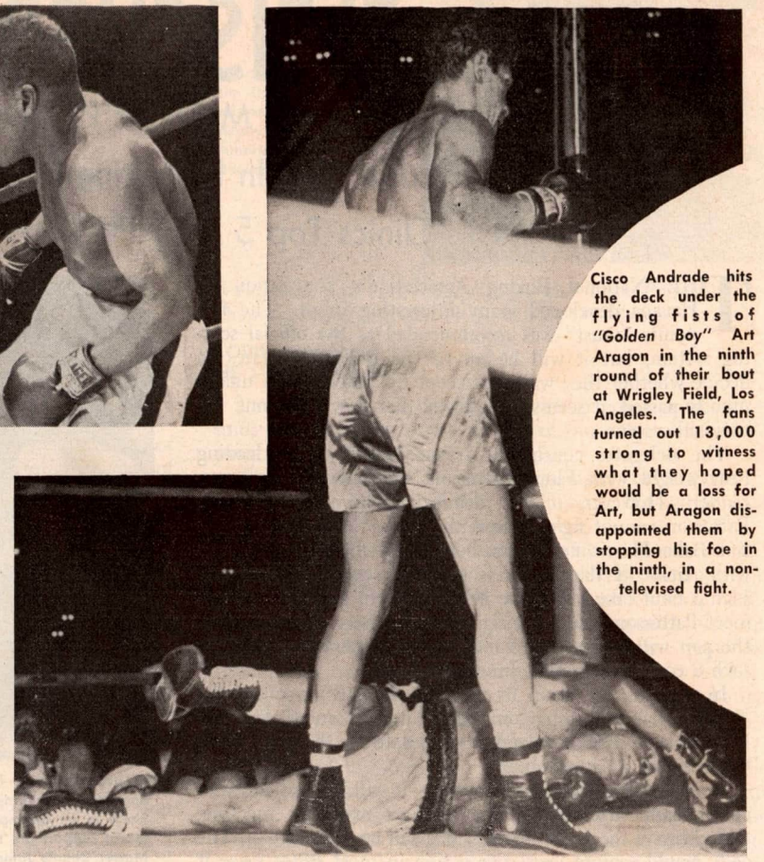
Had the Pastrano-McMurtry fight been telecast, it would have drawn about 6,000 with a drastically reduced money showing. If the Brown-Smith affair had been blacked out, it would have drawn abaut $60,000.

Now for another comparison between video and non-TV boxing. On the night of August 29, in the Chicago Stadium, there was a televised fight in which Rory Calhoun saw his winning streak broken by Spider Webb in a ten rounder.

The Stadium, which has been setting some amazingly low records of late, drew only 1,849 who paid a measly $2,298. However, the television contract was lived up to and that, apparently was the important thing. That a



Rory Calhoun (left) moves in on Ellsworth (Spider) Webb during their Chicago Stadium bout, that saw Webb snap Rory's winning skein with a decision win. Despite the fact that Calhoun, TV's newest *"Darlin"*, was making his mid-west debut and Webb is the Windy City's new favorite, only 1,849 fans turned out to see this fight which was televised.



Cisco Andrade hits the deck under the flying fists of *"Golden Boy"* Art Aragon in the ninth round of their bout at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles. The fans turned out 13,000 strong to witness what they hoped would be a loss for Art, but Aragon disappointed them by stopping his foe in the ninth, in a non-televised fight.

Chicago "big league" fight failed to attract 2,000 was secondary. Or, was it?

That same night, at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, Art Aragon knocked out Cisco Andrade in nine rounds without television.

There were 12,932 in attendance and the take came to an impressive $93,800. What would they have drawn if the fight had been telecast?

CHICAGO FIGHTS HAVE BEEN SETTING NEW LOWS

In connection with dwindling returns in the Chicago Stadium, which would be the scene of the Ray Robinson-Gene Fullmer fight, it is recalled that on August 8, Henry Brown stopped L. C. Morgan in the first heat, to the edification, or otherwise, of an astonishing 457 who paid an equally incredible $850, not enough to pay for opening the gates. This fight was under a television contract.

On Friday, August 31, there was yet another deadly comparison between TV and untelevised boxing. Of course, there was a difference in the quality of the attractions, and yet, the figures are significant, revealing and startling.

In Seattle, there was a ten round fight in which Harry Matthews beat the persistent and unretiring Ezzard Charles. There were 5,403 onlookers, who paid $24,674 for the privilege.

That same night, in Washington, D. C., Baby Vasquez stopped Jimmy Soo in the sixth round. This struggle between lightweights attracted 391 persons. They paid $814.30. Note the thirty cents.

True, the fight had strong opposition. The Yankees were in town and President Eisenhower had been announced as an onlooker. Some 15,000 came to Griffith Stadium.

SICK OF MEDIOCRE FARE?

CERTAINLY SOMETHING IS RADICALLY WRONG HERE

It is evident that there are many things wrong with the TV boxing situation.

Many of the matches made for these contracted telecasts are perfunctory, unsatisfactory, ill favored, unattractive.

There is a date to be filled, and two perhaps mismatched scrappers fill it so that the brewery's or the ear muff manufacturer's contract may be lived up to.

To advocate abolition of boxing telecasts would be running afoul of the general public. The man who buys a TV receiver feels that he is purchasing everything that is being presented in sports. Everything—boxing, baseball, football and what not.

In the meantime, boxing is hurt. The small clubs, which cannot compete in the TV atmosphere, linger dormant, if they are not already dead.

However, those figures cited must prove something. Is the TV public sated with the run-of-the-mine stuff that is being dished out to it?

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Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

NBA Havana Meetings Productive
Cuba High In Protecting Boxers
Clinics Top 5 Year Plan There

THE National Boxing Association's convention in Havana developed many interesting items. The five points "must" was recommended as the official scoring system, but it will be up to the individual states to decide whether they want to accept it. Since it was unanimously passed, it seems most likely that it will become the national system.

The delegates continued Archie Moore as the leading heavyweight with Floyd Patterson, the Number One contender. However, it was decided unanimously, that if Patterson cannot fight Moore this year, the winner of the Bob Baker-Hurricane Jackson bout in Pittsburgh be matched with Archie if that victor is a worthy contender. Should such a bout take place, the NBA decided, the winner must meet Patterson. He must sign within ninety days and then the pair will be given two months for preparation, bringing such a contest into next June.

In an effort to regain its prestige, the NBA rejoined the World Championship Committee and appointed Anthony Petronella of Rhode Island, its delegate to the next EBU Convention in Luxembourg.

A new boxing code was discussed. It will be studied by all commissions after which, at the next executive meeting, the wishes of the NBA commissions will be passed upon. The code would require legislative action in most states since it differs from present regulations. It is more extensive than any of the regulations now in force.

ADOPTION OF NEW CODE APPEARS MOST UNLIKELY

It is the aim of the Code Committee of which Commissioners Klein and Jackson of Pennsylvania are members, to have the new code universally adopted but I doubt it will ever reach that stage. Too many commissions will oppose drastic changes in State Laws under which they operate.

Taking a slap at the International Boxing Club and Jim Norris, the Committee has written into its code, "Section 222—Payments Regulated—No promoter or co-promoter shall pay, lend or give any money to a contestant before any boxing contest as an advance against his purse other than when necessary, for advance expenses for transportation and maintenance in preparation for a contest."

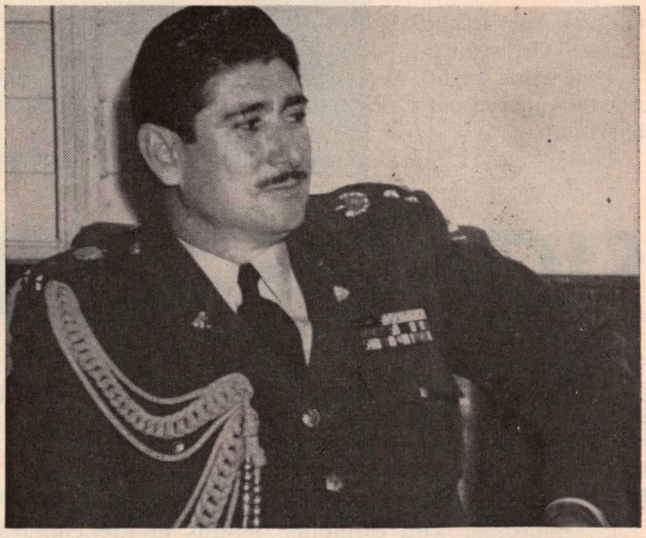
It will be recalled that the I.B.C. in the Anti-trust hearings, admitted that it frequently advances loans to managers and fighters some of whom are indebted to the club for thousands of dollars. This, the government charged, was a hold on the services of a fighter.

However, the major portion of the new code is far better than most of the present day state regulations. The code was written at the suggestion of Governor Leader of Pennsylvania with Harrigton Adams, Deputy Attorney General of the state, chairman of the Code Committee.

Floyd Stevens of Michigan was elected president of the N.B.A. to succeed Louis R. Radzienda. In his farewell speech, Radzienda made a bitter attack on Newspapers, columnists and magaziens that have published material detrimental to boxing. He termed them vicious in their efforts to bring the sport into disrepute.

He charged that truth was discarded in favor of innuendo and that seldom are the charges made by columnists and sports magazines proved. Not everyone agreed with his stand.

Louis Involved in High Finance. Joe Louis (left) former world heavyweight champion, recently appeared on a New York TV Quiz Show in an attempt to win money to help pay back taxes. Lending moral support are retired undefeated champion Rocky Marciano, Quiz Master Dennis James, and former heavyweight king Jimmy Braddock.



Col. Fernandez Miranda, Cuba Sports Director, whose five year plan for the development of boxing has brought excellent results in the Pearl of the Antilles.

The N.B.A. convention this year was the best attended with many foreign nations represented and on the whole, was well conducted and of a constructive nature.

CUBA LEADS THEM ALL IN MEDICAL SUPERVISION

While in Havana, I noted that Cuba continues to lead all nations in equipping its medical department of the Sports Commission with apparatus. Its clinic is the finest and most elaborate. Every branch of medical science is represented, with professors from Havana University in charge and Dr. de Llama, chairman.

The Chief of staff is Dr. A. de Llama, with Dr. Ofelia Esquival, Dr. Felipse Montana Laredo of the Dental Clinic and Dr. Charles Silva Wolf, general medicine, his aides.

At the NBA Convention the commissioners from many parts of our country and those from foreign lands were deeply impressed by what they saw. Not only are amateur and professional boxers given thorough examinations, but every athlete who competes in any branch of sport must pass a physical test under the direction of the Department of Sports.

Unlike other countries, where an amateur or one who never has competed in boxing can obtain a professional license upon application, and an o.k. from the Medical Advisory Board, Cuba does not permit any boy to enter the pro ranks until he has had two years as an amateur.

Under the supervision of Col. Fernandez Miranda, brother-in-law of President Batista and Ernesto Azua, former promoter and Cuba's ace sports writer, boxing in Cuba has made great strides.

The NBA Convention was held under the auspices of the Ministero de Education's National Commission of Sports of which Col. Miranda is the director and Azua, head of the boxing department. I was much impressed by the manner in which boxing is controlled. Nowhere in America, not even in New York. With its excellent reputation, is more efficiency displayed than in Cuba.

Azua, Sports Editor of "El Mundo", Havana's leading newspaper, has done a fine job. Under his leadership and that of Miranda, bouts are staged each Saturday night and invariably there is a sell-out. One of Havana's rum companies pays the government $3000 to broadcast and televise the fights. The promoter receives $1600 and $1400 goes to the Department of Sports and is used to purchase boxing equipment and athletic paraphernalia for public playgrounds and to supply uniforms for boxers. When a championship match is staged, the pay-off is larger. Luis Guiteriez, one time boxing commissioner and manager of the famous Kid Chocolate, is the broadcaster.

Kid Chocolate, who many years ago was pensioned by the government, is still the chief supervisor of the government gymnasiums. Luis Mascoto Rojo, who started Kid Gavilan on his career, is one of the directors of the boxing academies established by the government, of which 130 are in operation over the Island.

Colonel Miranda astonished the NBA delegation when he informed them that Cuba has upward of 8,000 amateurs receiving free instruction and obtaining free medical care, and food when in need. Coaches are in the employ of the Department of Sports which holds regular instruction clinics to weed out the incompetents.

In 1952, Azua reported that Cuba had only 57 amateurs and 217 pros. Today, 400 professionals are licensed. The program, set into operation three years ago, has resulted in the development of a number of Pan-American champions and top notch pros.

The government's invitation to come to Cuba was extended to me in order to aid in the organization of the Pan-American Federation along the lines of the Far Eastern Federation which I organized two years ago. Cuba, Panama, Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Dominica and Puerto Rico are members. In the initial boxing competition under the newly organized body, Cuba defeated Puerto Rico five bouts to one.

Cuba's best amateurs are Augusto Naveles, who competed in the last Olympics and Papu Fernandez, a hard hitting lightweight. Naveles is a feather. Neither will take part in the Melbourne Olympic Games, because the Cuban Government won't send any team to Australia, due to a rift with the Olympic Committee.

Since the government's regulations place all sports under the supervision of Col. Miranda and the Cuban Olympic Committee must act as an independent body, Cuba has withdrawn and will compete in the next Pan-American championships instead. There will be no Olympic team.

Ernesto Azua, head of the Cuban Boxing Commission, who leads the newly organized Pan-American Federation of Boxing.

LOUIS' FUNDS SO LOW HE SEEKS GIVE-AWAYS

Joe Louis' tax troubles have reached a point at which he finds it necessary to appear on one of those "get rich quick" program on TV to bolster his funds.

There is one quality in the character of the Brown Bomber that remains steadfast—his honesty. No matter what is asked of him, he gives a frank answer.

Discussing his problems before a TV audience on the "giveaway" program of Dennis James, "High Finance", in order to raise a little scratch to help him pay off some of his indebtedness to Uncle Sam, Louis, appearing with his wife, James J. Braddock and several newspapermen, remarked "I'm in tax trouble. I admit it and I want to pay back to Uncle Sam what is due him. I ain't looking for charity. People have sent me dollars and cents to help me, but that ain't the way. I want to meet my obligations".

Outside of his staggering income tax bill, Louis has the means for self support. His present earnings are sufficient to care for current needs but not to pay off his tax. The former world heavyweight champion has aroused world interest in his case because of the work he performed during the war and the purses he donated to Army and Navy Relief Funds. He also spent thousands out of his own pocket to purchase athletic paraphernalia for outposts where recreation was a necessity but where apparatus was lacking.

Millions of fight enthusiasts sympathize with Louis. His ease differs from that of other tax delinquents.

We all have tax burdens but his is far beyond that of the average citizen. His attempts to pay off are both pitiable and valiant.

Uncle Sam has helped far less deserving delinquents who have been permitted to make special settlements far below what they owed. Let's do that with Louis.

NEW REGULATIONS BEAR DOWN ON SID FLAHERTY

Things are happening to Sid Flaherty's famed stable that have caused the fight fans to wonder whether the recent investigation by Governor Knight's Special Committee headed by Jim Cox has had anything to do with the sudden downfall of his stars.

The impression prevails that when he was matchmaker, manager and promoter, pairing the boxers and handling the show, Flaherty took good care that his charges were not pitted against tough opposition with the result that most of them piled up pretty fine records. But now that the State Commission has ruled against a manager acting also in the capacity of promoter or matchmaker, Sid's fighters have struck a snag.

Flaherty has been hard hit by the Commission edict preventing promoters from managing fighters, or managers acting as matchmakers. It seems that Sid's best bet now is Eddie Machen, who looms as a heavyweight contender. His recent knockout of Nino Valdes in eight rounds was noteworthy. He is now well ranked among the heavyweights and stands out in the Flaherty stable.

MEET — Johnny Connors

A champion of the screen, Danny Kaye accompanied by a champion of the ring, Johnny Connors, on a tour of the Illinois State House at Springfield where Johnny is the guide.

By JOHNNY SALAK

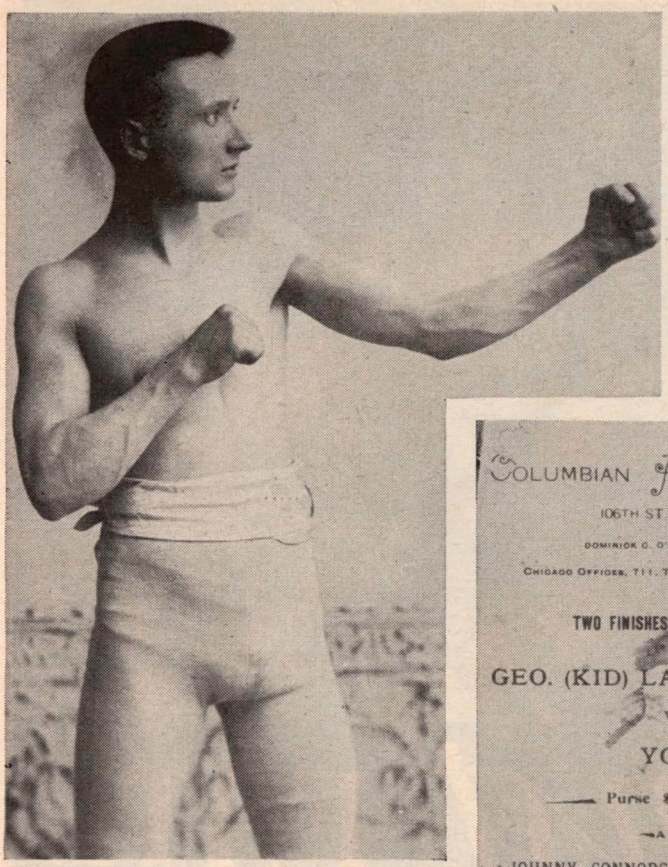
THROUGH the ages boxing history has recorded the names of many famous ringmen who lived to the ripe old age of three score and ten years but only a few passed the eightieth milestone. Of the octogenarians, the most famous of the bare-knuckle era were John Gully who died at eighty and Jem Ward who reached his eighty-fourth birthday. There aren't many fighters of the bare knuckle era still with us hence when one is located, specially if he was a standout pugilist, the attention of the public becomes focused on him.

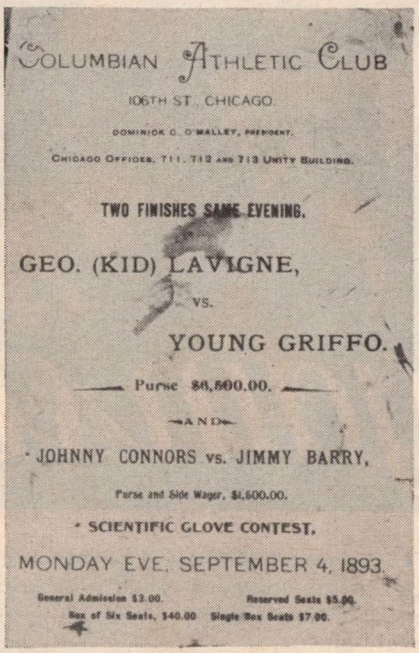
The spotlight was tossed on such a celebrity recently when Johnny Connors, participant in about 200 bare-knuckle and gloves bouts, was tendered a banquet in Springfield, Illinois to celebrate the sixty-second anniversary of his fight with Jack Levy, claimant to the British bantamweight crown in which Connors won the 100 pound title, then designated by the promoters as the "paperweight championship." The bout was staged in New Orleans on June 14, 1894 at the Olympic Club where two years before, James J. Corbett deposed John L. Sullivan as the heavyweight king, Jack McAuliffe knocked out Billy Myer and George Dixon flattened Jack Skelly. Connors stopped Levy in the fifth round and thereafter was hailed as the American 100 pounds champion.

The name of Johnny Connors appears frequently as a headliner in the class now recognized as the flyweight division but which in his fighting days was part of the bantam sector. The Illinois octogenarian who for many years was a boxer and sports promoter in the mid-west and who will shortly celebrate his eighty-eighth birthday, heard himself extolled on the occasion of the banquet given in his honor, but it was his reminiscences, his stories about the great fighters of the past, his experiences as a promoter and his hotel and theatre ventures, that held the attention of the huge gathering.

Connors engaged in many contests against the world's best gamecocks. He and Jimmy Barry, retired undefeated bantam king, fought several times though only one bout, a six round win for Barry, is listed in the record books. In 1895 Connors and Jack Madden fought a thrilling battle of twenty-five rounds at the Seaside Athletic Club of Coney Island in New York City and that affair was advertised by the promoters as for the world bantam crown though Barry, following George Dixon's retirement to enter the higher division, was generally accepted as the new title holder. Barry had laid claim to Dixon's title, but it was not until after his fight in 1897 with Walter Croot at the National Sporting Club of London, a bout in which Croot died from a brain injury, that Barry was universally accepted as king of the bantams. The Connors-Madden battle lasted an hour and 39 minutes.

Connor's complete record shows close to 200 ring battles in none of which he scaled more than 100 pounds. It was in the Madden bout that a referee for the first time used the phrase, "*shake hands now and come out fighting*," an expression used world-wide to-day.





(Above) Johnny Connors as he looked in his fighting days.

(Right) An interesting poster of the Columbia Athletic Club of Chicago, advertising two features, a bout between George Kid Lavigne and Young Griffo and one between Johnny Connors and Jimmy Barry.

Johnny was born in Utica, New York. He was one of a large immigrant family whose parents came from Ireland and in due time settled in Newport, Illinois, where Johnny made his home throughout most of his fighting career. He later went to Springfield where he has lived since. Like the octogenarian, Jack Root who a few weeks ago celebrated his eightieth birthday in Paris, France, Connors covers a long era from the "Gay Nineties" to the "Jet Age."

Connors made his start as a promoter in a brickyard outside the limits of Springfield since boxing was illegal and he figured he would be free from police interference. The ring was placed between kilns and the spectators formed a protective ring. One of the features on the card was a battle royal in which six Negroes competed each blindfolded, the winner being the one who remained on his feet after the rest had been flattened.

Johnny, in telling the story, says he saw a big, husky Negro shuffling along outside of his tavern and he approached the man and asked him if he would consent to appear in the battle royal. He offered him a free lunch and five dollars plus a bonus of five if he won. The Negro accepted.

His name? None other than Jack Johnson. That was back in 1894. So pleased was Connors with Johnson's performance, that he hired him as a porter and for almost two years he taught Jack many of the finer points of boxing.

For a time he handled the affairs of Johnson and obtained many of the early fights of Jack's career for him. A few years ago, on one of his many friendly visits to "THE RING" headquarters, Jack and Nat Fleischer, The Ring's editor, reminisced, and Johnson told him of his first visit to Chicago and his start as a professional boxer.

"I went to Springfield, Illinois, the city made famous by our Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. I had no particular reason for stopping off there other than I was looking for work and thought that was as good a place as any. I was hungry and tired from riding the rods and as I passed by a tavern, a little man came out, grasped me by the arm and said:

"You look like a strong man. I'm the owner of a fight club here and I need one more man to compete for me in a battle royal, a feature at all of my shows. How would you like to be that man. I'll give you five bucks and a good meal and if you win, I'll add another five as a bonus."

"Did I accept? You guessed right. That meal was worth a million dollars to me at the time.

"I asked what I'd have to do and the man, looking me over said," all you've got to do is get into the ring with five other huskies and you'll be blind-folded then wallop away and try to knock out all your rivals. If you do that, you'll win and get the extra five, and an extra meal."

"That proposition looked good to me. My appetite was my second backer and I certainly fought that night. I won by knocking every man out with a couple of hard blows.

"It happened that the show was run by a fine fellow, Johnny Connors who, you'll remember, was very prominent in promoting fights and shows of all kinds and was our first paperweight champion. As a fighter he fought many tough battles under 100 pounds and then turned to promotion. He was one of my most loyal supporters and one of the finest friends I ever had.

"Johnny was impressed by me, and offered to give me a job as a porter, which I accepted. Shortly after I started to work for him he brought me to Chicago, my first visit there and the scene of many of my escapades. There he got me several fights. He really started me on my professional career.

"I was only seventeen years old at the time but was big and strong and could hit and that combined with what I learned from Connors, give me an excellent background for the profession in which I reached the top. The first fight he got for me was with a boy known as Klondike, a popular performer in Chicago and I was beaten, but I was not discouraged.

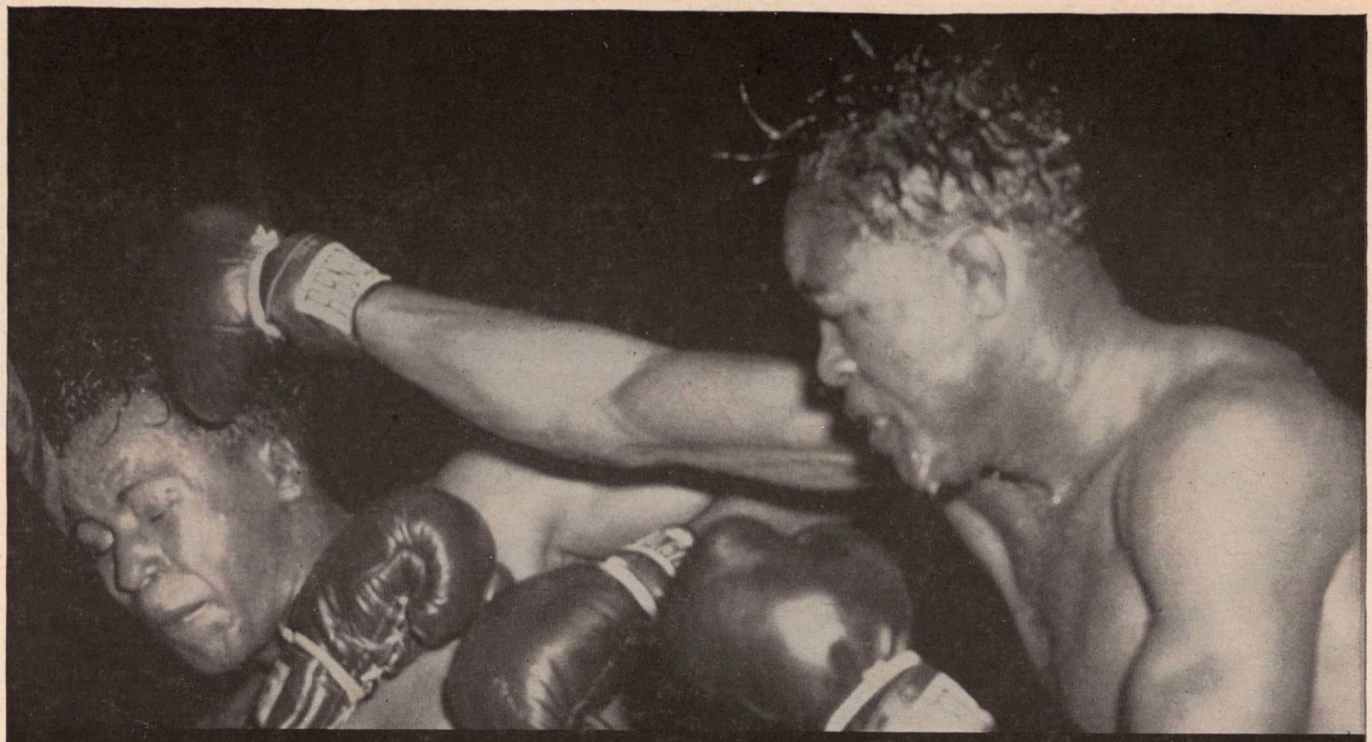
"It wasn't long after that Connors turned me over to Dick Carroll so that he, Johnny, could go back to Springfield and run his promotions and hotel business. Connors was a tireless worker, a fine teacher and a good pal. As a fighter he was a fearless scrapper who could block and parry with the best of his days and that's what I learned from him. They came no better."

That interview is exactly as it appears in Fleisher's life story on Johnson.

In my recent interview with Johnny, I asked him what he thought about the present day fighters and this is what he answered:

"They are too soft. They don't know how to train. They don't compare to the fighters of my era. They are not in the same class with very few exceptions."

In that, he voices the sentiments expressed in interviews "The Ring" has had with Jim Corbett, Jim Jeffries, Tom Sharkey and Jack Root.



MAN *Against* FATE

Johnny Bratton (left) dropped his American welterweight title to Kid Gavilan on a fifteen round decision, fighting gamely the last twelve with a broken jaw, the last seven with a bruised right hand.

George (Kid) Lavigne, one time lightweight king, who defeated the great Joe Walcott in a wicked fight, despite the fact that his left ear was almost torn from his head in the sixth round.

ROUND after round, the crowd's admiration grew. It marveled at the doggedness with which this disabled left hooker was relying on his right. It was the old story of necessity proving the mother of invention.

Eventually the unequal effort ended. Fate called the final deal of the cards, just as it had the first important deal, when the gallant victim was deprived of his prime weapon without warning.

Easily recognizable here is the case of the late Marcel Cerdan. The gallant Frenchman had been wrestled to the floor in the first round of his middleweight championship defense against Jake LaMotta in 1949 at Detroit. The fall caused crippling pain throughout his entire left side. He carried on surprisingly with his right hand until he caved in during the 10th round, loser by a TKO.

How often in ring annals has the inscrutable workings of fate imposed such handicaps? And how often have they been surmounted?

A careful but strictly informal look over the shoulder discloses that bad breaks have been ignored by the truly stalwart in many instances.

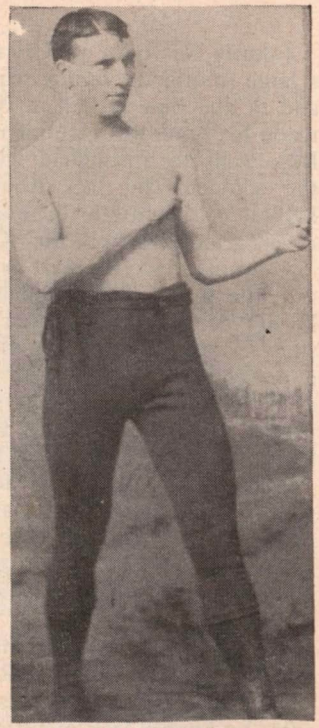
Let's go as far back as the original Jack Dempsey, The Nonpareil, whose heyday came in the bare-knuckle, fight-to-a-finish climate of the late 1880s.

The Nonpareil, a Brooklyn product who came out of the same barrel factory as Jack McAuliffe, never enjoyed the idolatry of his erstwhile co-worker. The contemporary newspapermen and fans always wanted to see him beaten.

So it was when Johnny Reagan, New York favorite, challenged Dempsey, the middleweight champion, to a then illegal finish fight. It was held "somewhere on Long Island Sound" and all concerned were transported by boat after a dawn rendezvous.

Ill fortune reared its head for The Nonpareil before they were scarcely warmed up in this London Prize Ring contest. Reagan, permitted to wear spikes on the turf, was not par-

By LESTER BROMBERG



The "Nonpareil" Jack Dempsey defeated Johnny Reagan in forty five rounds with one leg almost completely useless from spike wounds.

ticularly mindful of where the prongs dug in and soon Dempsey was bleeding from two gashes on his left leg below the knee.

One cut was five inches long, half an inch deep.

"What medicine have they got for it?" a spectator asked.

His companion nudged him. *"Look. . . ."*

Dempsey's chief second had taken a bottle of whiskey out of his gear and was pouring the liquor on the cut. It was antiseptic, but seared the open wound.

As the fight continued, the incoming tide splashed salt water against Dempsey's leg. The irritation compelled him to purse his lips in a vain attempt to ignore the pain.

Eventually the water became too deep for boxing. They had to move further inshore. They resumed at a new spot and the rounds began to pile up . . . 18th, 19th and, with his fanatic will to win, The Nonpareil carried the fight to Reagan despite his seriously bothersome leg.

In the 21st round the temperature dropped. By the 30th, snow was falling, bitter cold adding a new element of discomfort for Dempsey's wound.

But Reagan, even with advantages on his side cracked first. In the 45th round his seconds tossed in the towel.

Dempsey had conquered—at a fearful price. Ringsiders reported that he barely could walk from the scene. *"He'll never be the same,"* several predicted.

They were right. The physical toll left a mark on The Nonpareil which resulted a few years later in a crushing knockout by Bob Fitzsimmons that virtually ended his career.

In the mid-nineties George (Kid) Lavigne, the celebrated Saginaw Kid and lightweight champion, was one of the few fighters willing to meet the original Joe Walcott, finest of the welterweights at the time.

They were to meet at Maspeth, Long Island. Because of Walcott's palpable superiority, Joe had agreed to make weight. He also agreed to accept the result as a victory for Lavigne if he didn't knock him out within the scheduled 15 rounds.

For Lavigne, it seemed like a perfect deal but here, too, fate was to add a complicating factor. In a middle round Walcott's right caught the Kid with a slashing punch on the left ear. It severed the lower tissue and bled as furiously as a fountain.

Lavigne's seconds were in a sweat. They could neither staunch the blood nor bind up the ear.

Their panic irked the stoic Lavigne.

"Never had it rough before?" he growled. *"Oh, let the damn ear hang. I can fight pretty good with a pretty bad ear, just watch."*

An unforgettably gory sight, Lavigne kept up the pressure. He realized that Walcott, who'd starved himself to come in at 140 pounds, would have trouble in the last five rounds.

In the 11th and 12th rounds Joe staggered under the Kid's left hooking. Through his haze of blood, Lavigne was punching as wickedly as at any time in his career. Between the 13th and 14th rounds, there was a stir in Walcott's corner. The distressed welter great didn't want to come out and his handlers were pleading with him to go on. Finally he lifted himself wearily off the stool. Those last two rounds were torture for him as the amazing Lavigne barrelled down the stretch.

Later someone asked the Kid if he thought the victory was worth going through the experience of the half-hanging ear, permanently deformed.

"When I have to worry about my looks," he said, *"I'll quit being a fighter and turn actor. . . . I expect to get chopped up when I'm in there, the trick is to laugh it off, that's the mark of a fighter and I'm proud to call myself that."*

Nobody ever had reason to contradict Lavigne.

In a far more modern era Barney Ross, a good lightweight

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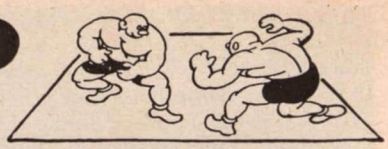
(Above) Barney Ross shows off his damaged hand after he had stood off Ceferino Garcia for 15 rounds to retain his title back in 1937. (left) Marcel Cerdan's face etched with pain as damaged shoulder is examined after he lost title to Jake LaMotta. Marcel fought one-handed for most of bout, and was stopped in ten rounds.

THE MAT WORLD

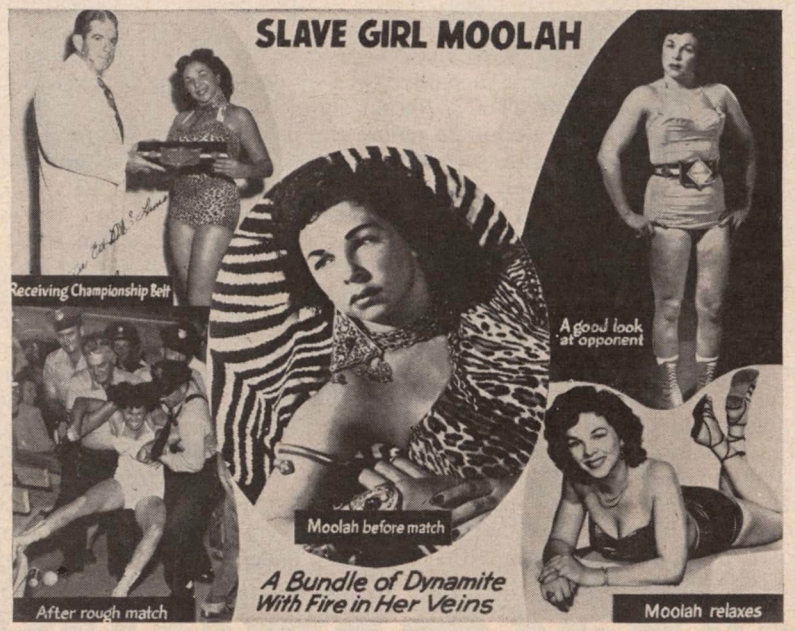


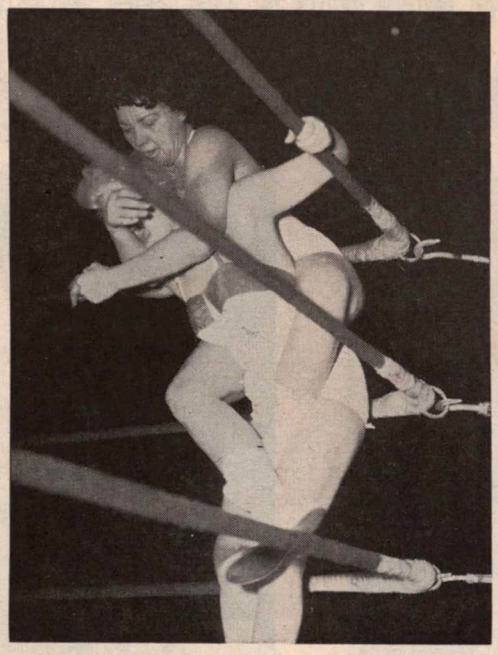
By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT:

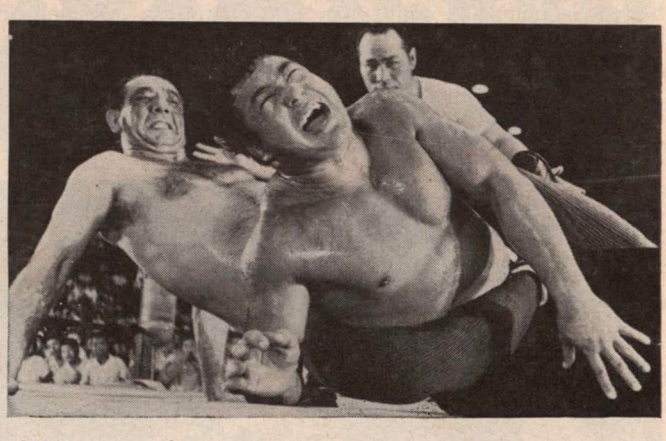
"DANGEROUS" DANNY McSHAIN, one of the game's roughest, is currently invading the Hawaiian Isles . . . he follows in the trail of Pat O'Connor of Australia, who has made a big name in the United States. . . . Billy Varga will leave Hawaii shortly for a tour having lost his crown and The Ring Magazine belt to Tosh Togo . . . others who will shortly wrestle in Hawaii are Lord Layton and Tom Rice, better known as the "*Red Scorpion.*"

Illio Di Paolo, who has been steadily gaining in his fan following recently obtained his citizenship papers officially making him an American. . . . Tex McKenzie, who recently went through a harrowing experience in an automobile accident, has returned to the mat wars . . . began in May at Minneapolis and has been going strong ever since.





June Byers rides piggy-back as she roughs up Cathy Branch in their recent bout won by Miss Byers.



Rikidozan, professional wrestling idol of Japan, is subjected to a body scissors by actor-wrestler Mike Mazurki. The above is a scene from the Japanese movie, "A Man's Soul."

Frederick Von Schact, who hung up his famous black opera cape two years ago after sustaining bad neck injuries in a match with Pat O'Connor, retired to become a landlord and apartment house owner at Treasure Island in Florida. One of the games all-time "*bad boys*" in the ring, Von Schact is one of the mildest mannered men to have ever grappled in a roped square. A well known wrestler to TV viewers the "*Mad Prussian,*" as he was called, has settled down to domestic bliss with his bride of less than a year, the former Florence McCune, a pert blonde of five feet two and 115 pounds . . . he has taken his last fall . . . for love.

A new tag team combo has been formed with Johnny Barend and Adrian Baillargeon. . . . They will be known as the "BB" boys. . . . Wilbur Snyder and Verne Gagne drew a gate of $37,000 in Milwaukee. . . . Due to Gagne, a fan rave for some time, and Snyder who is at last coming into his own with the fans.

Joe Louis has stated that a good wrestler can defeat a boxer of the same caliber. . . . Louis has faced both. Bobby Bruns is back in California. . . . He speaks seven languages . . . been on a world tour . . . when not wrestling Bobby spends his time talking.

ROY HEFFERNAN—
MR. AUSTRALIA OF WRESTLING

ROY HEFFERNAN was born in a coal mining town named Lithgow in New South Wales, Australia. Lithgow is situated 100 miles from Sydney, in the heart of the famed "*Blue Mountains*" and is known for its sport minded people.

Weightlifting must be in Roy's blood. At nine years of age he amazed friends by lifting his father's 109 pound weight. Roy was always to be found with his father and pet Kangaroo, Joey, in the mountains hunting, picking berries or just climbing.

When Roy was twelve years old the Heffernans moved to Sydney. He became a boy scout, and was soon the "District Scout Champion Wrestler" in his bodyweight division. He also became interested in athletics.

He was brought along slowly with strengthening exercises by his father, and at sixteen joined the "Wooloomooloo Police Boys' Club" where he trained and wrestled with some of the best amateurs in the country. Three years later Roy was the New South Wales and Australian Amateur Wrestling Champion in the light-heavyweight division, and was rated number one wrestler to represent Australia in overseas tournaments. But he began speaking of turning professional, saying *"A person can't eat trophies and medals"*. If Roy could have eaten them he would have been kept in food for some time to come.

Besides the great performances he has put up as a wrestler, Roy has also hit the headlines as a weightlifter. At eighteen, he won the Australian Amateur Weightlifting Championship in the light-heavy division, but perhaps the most amazing feat Heffernan has registered was his lift at fifteen years of age. He shocked the weightlifting world by raising 395 lbs. in a dead weight lift. This performance made him the strongest boy in the world for his age and bodyweight, a record he is very proud of.

After a successful career as both an amateur wrestler and weightlifter, Roy decided to turn professional and to try his hand at the mat game for money. He was twenty when he made the step into the money field.

Training regularly and hard, Roy did not know then that he was to become one of the best wrestlers Australia has turned out.

About this time Roy was including Dramatic Art, Ballet and Fencing in his routine and won a two years scholarship for Dramatic Art at the Whitehall Academy of Dramatic Art in Sydney.

Today Roy Heffernan stands 5 feet 10 inches and weighs 232 pounds with 18 inch arms and a 50 inch chest. He is often called the "Globe Trotter", for there are not many countries left where Roy has not displayed his wares and bent bones with the best of them. He enters the ring to the music of "Waltzing Matilda" and throws small souvenir boomerangs to the people from his corner.

The biggest crowd Heffernan has ever wrestled before—100,000—was in India at the Vallabhbhia Patel Stadium, Bombay, when he wrestled an exciting draw decision with Dara Singh, Indian Champion and holder of the Ajanta and Governor's Cup. This match was so appreciated by the Indian public that the bout was shown on the Bombay theatre screens for three months.

Having been three times to India, Roy became very interested in Indian style wrestling and began to make a name for himself in their own style. Heffernan says the only trouble with their style is that they wrestle in sand pits and most of the gymnasiums where he trained had only dirt floors. Of great importance in a match was the wearing of the tightest possible pair of briefs because in Indian style contests an opponent is allowed to make full use of one's briefs or costume.

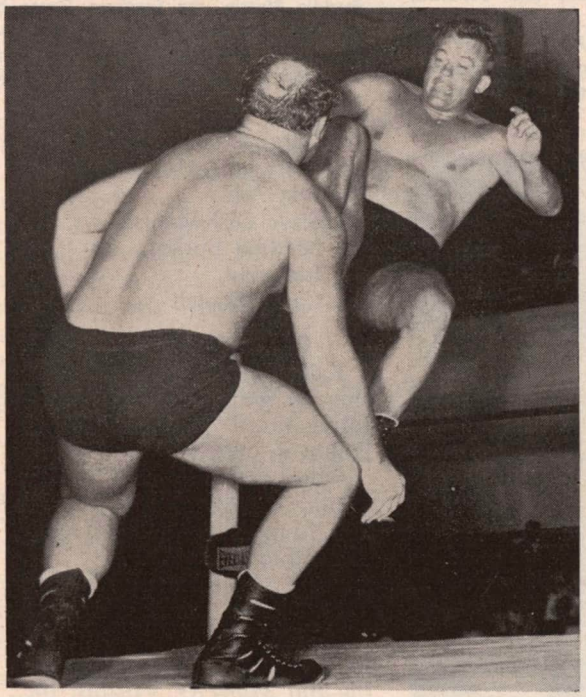
Roy loves good food, preferably Greek and German dishes. His most sought after food is black olives for which he acquired a taste in Cyprus.

In Africa Heffernan drew record gates with his matches against South African Champion, "Mr. X", Willie Liebenburg and Manie Maritz. Durban newspapers described Roy Heffernan as the most spectacular sensation to visit Africa since the days of Bullet Myers and Ben Sherman who were there around two decades ago.

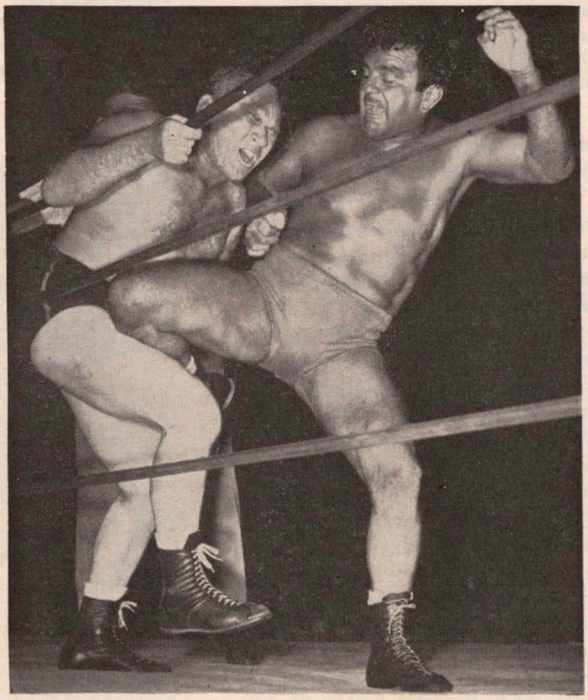
Together with his partner, fellow Australian George Pencheff, Heffernan won the British Empire Tag Team Wrestling Championship which they acquired by defeating Willie Liebenburg and Corrie Pretorius in Springs, South Africa.

Roy specializes in flying tackles and is often called *"the man who likes to live dangerously"*.

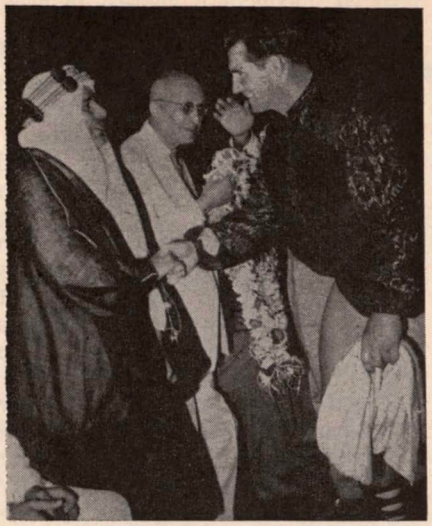
An unusual match Roy once had was in a country town named Cooma in Australia when he was wrestling Al Costello for the Australian title. It was an open air match and during the fifth round a plague of grasshoppers arrived on the scene, probably attracted by the giant lights over the ring. The ring was covered completely, thousands of grasshoppers hung on the ropes and around the people. Heffernan and Costello rolled around the mat crushing some hundreds of the insects before the match was halted.



Ronnie Etchison, who gained fame as the Pacific Coast champ in 1951, lands a dropkick to the chin of Abe Zvonkin, a rough-tough campaigner from Canada in a recent match at San Francisco, California won by Etchison. (Photo by Masura)

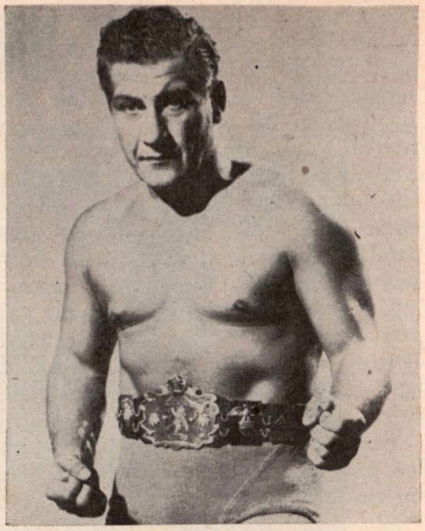


Knee action! Juan Humberto, Latin idol, gives it to "Red" Vagnone of Columbus, Ohio (and Canada) and went on to win the contest. Humberto is one of the best of the present crop and has been gaining in popularity by leaps and bounds.



Roy Heffernan, one of Australia's most noted grapplers, who has a large following on the Pacific Coast. A noted globe trotter, Heffernan is seen here being introduced to the "Maharaja of Lahore," prior to his match with Dara Singh at Bombay, India.

Personality plus! Vivacious and beautiful Penny Banner, flashes a big smile for the Ring Photographer Bob Utter, prior to her meeting with June Byers at the Indianapolis Coliseum. Penny lost in a closely contested bout.

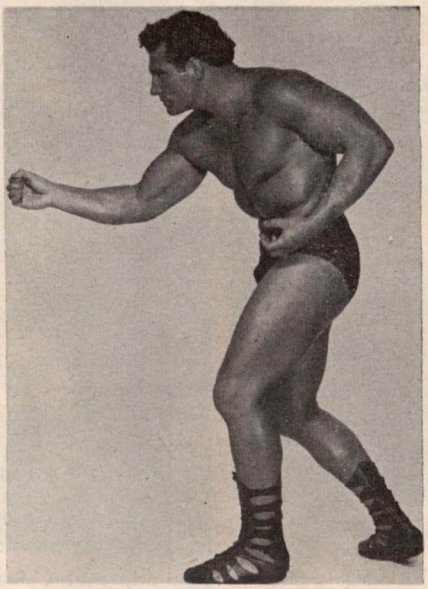


Freddie Blassie, the Southern States Heavyweight Wrestling Champion who hails from St. Louis, Missouri and is making his favorite hold the Reverse Spinning Neck-Breaker famous.

Heffernan makes friends easily and is very interesting to hold a conversation with: although he rarely speaks of wrestling, but if you ask to see his photos etc., he will hand you a giant album of his travels and matches which a person can hardly carry.

Young Ray Stern, the Jewish "thunderbolt" from New York, is doing very well in California rings. Ray, a speedy and likeable performer, has gained victories over some of the best in the business. Previously campaigning in northern California under the Joe Malcewicz banner, Stern now shows in the Los Angeles area under the Hugh Nichols banner. . . .

Speaking of Hugh Nichols, I had a short but informative talk with the southern California booker-manager in Hollywood recently. During the course of our conversation I learned that bad-boy Tom Rice had departed for a tour of Japan—his third trip there. Nichols is a shrewd promoter and a great believer in listening to his fans. Hugh has presented some of the best matches in the USA at his famed Hollywood Legion Stadium. . . . Lou Thesz, former NWA Heavyweight King, in an attempt to regain his crown from Billy Watson, dropped big Bobo Brazil at San Diego's Coliseum Arena. . . . In a later match at the Olympic Auditorium, Thesz lost for the third time to Watson, the NWA champ. . . . It's good to see Tommy Martindale back in action on the coast. Tommy's been absent for much too long. . . . Steve Stanlee, who has big muscles and about 250 pounds to back him up, is teaming with the Great Togo in Los Angeles. . . . Promoter Joe Malcewicz has brought Johnny Barend, the Buffalo, N. Y., youngster back to the coast by popular demand.



Roy Heffernan, the 235 pound grappler from Down Under, as he looks to his opponents. Roy first became famous as a weight lifter and at eighteen held the Australian amateur weight lifting crown. At only fifteen years of age he amazed the weightlifting world by lifting 395 pounds in a dead weight lift.

FANS WRESTLER'S POLL

MEN

1: Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
2: Whipper Watson (NWA champ)
3: Pat O'Connor
4: Big Bill Miller
5: Lou Thesz
6: Verne Gagne
7: Rocky Valentine
8: Enrique Torres
9: Antonio Rocca
10: Rito Romero

WOMEN

1: June Byer (Champ)
2: Terry Majors
3: Penny Banner
4: Carol Cook
5: Mary Jane Mull
6: Ada Ash
7: Slave Girl Moolah
8: Mildred Burke
9: Ida May
10: Cathy Branch

FAN CLUB CORNER:

Ramon Torres fans can join his fan club by writing to Anita McElhaney, International president, Route One, Hubbard, Ohio.

Other club listings:

Johnny Rougeau and Jim Grabmire: Mrs. Mary Hasley, RR 6 Faye St., Marietta, Ohio

Danny McShain: Dottie Lieberman, 830 Bank St., Cincinnati 14, Ohio.

Mark Lewin (Skippy Jackson): Peggy Reil, 3011 P½, Galveston, Texas

Big Bill Miller & Villains, Inc.: Ellen Hunt, Box #224, Ogden, Illinois

Tex McKenzie: Margaret Hall, 6776 Olentangy River Rd, Powell, Ohio

Ruffy Silverstein & Bob Geigel: Mrs. Gracie Walz, 260 Setchell St., Cincinnati 26, O.

Johnny Barend: Betty LaPoint, West Ave, Saratoga Springs, New York

Danno O'Shocker: Mariam Seaback, Box 215, Stollings, West Virginia

Antonino Rocca: Arlene Edwards, PO Box #172, Newark, New Jersey

Danny Lewin: Libby Clup, 323 7th Ave., Mansfield, Ohio

Jimmy Prince is the President of the original Ronnie Etchison Fan Club. Etchison followers who haven't as yet joined the club for the popular Missouri bred heavyweight challenger may do so by writing Prince at 127 Tunnel Avenue, San Francisco.

ASIA THE WRESTLING MECCA

ASIA is fast becoming the world's most popular territory for the pro-

fessional wrestling sports. All this happened within the past few years and now it has blossomed into one of the most outstanding and exciting sports in all of Asia. Never before has such a thing as that happened. The sport fans took to pro-wrestling right from the start including the people who had never seen it before.

Recently for the first time they had a tournament here in Japan to decide the All Asia Heavyweight Wrestling Championship. The wrestlers came from the different parts of the Far East and those who came were the Champions of their respective countries. The wrestlers who had participated in the tournament were RIKIDOZAN, Champion of Japan, KING KONG, Champion of the Orient, DARA SINGH, Champion of India, TIGER JOGINDAR, Champion of South East Asia, and SYED SAIF SHAH, Champion of Pakistan.

The matches were held according to the Greco-Roman style of wrestling and under the direction of the International Wrestling Federation. For the most parts in Asia the catch-as-catch-can or freestyle wrestling is not very popular. Although here in Japan the fans are accustomed to the freestyle of wrestling. When wrestling was first introduced it was of this style and until recently the people never saw the Greco-Roman style. Ever since this tournament they have become fans to both styles of wrestling. Although to some of them the new style doesn't have as much excitement, since it is wrestled by rounds. The whole match is of six rounds, seven minutes a round and one minute in between rounds. The rules are slightly different and any wrestlers who haven't done this type, will be confused at the start.

Regarding the tournament it was at first decided to run it on the point basis, the wrestler with the most points to be acclaimed the Champion. It was with the understanding that only one wrestler represent Japan. The matches were held in the various cities of Japan and the final match was held in Tokyo. The finalists were Rikidozan and King Kong. Right from the start the match was rough and tough since they knew that one of them would be the All Asia Champion. After wrestling for the full six rounds with no one gaining a fall, they then had a additional 60 minutes of wrestling, till one of them was declared the Champion.

After wrestling for about forty-five minutes it became known to most people that Japan's Champion Rikidozan had the upper hand because King Kong had a cut on his forehead, and blood was all over his face and body.

The end was most spectacular when both of them fell over the top rope to the floor. Even at this point they were slugging each other and before the count of twenty Rikidozan went back into the ring, and at this point the match ended. The turning point of the match to most fans was when Rikidozan started to use his famous and deadly karate chops on his opponent. He uses the karate chop only when necessary or when his opponent is getting rough and dirty. Many wrestlers who have come in contact with this karate chop say that it is illegal and should be barred.

When the match was officially over Japan's Champion Rikidozan was announced as the first All Asia Heavyweight Pro-Wrestling Champion.

SHORT ON RAMON PEREZ

HAVING competed in amateur wrestling for two years in Texas, Ramon Perez decided that if he were going to get his ears knocked off he might as well get paid for it.

The 25-year old blockbuster has been groaning for money for the past four years and has been doing well.

His 220 pounds packed on a 5-foot 10-inch frame is made to order for his rough and ready style.

Several years ago Ramon was known for his ability to handle the gloves. He was twice middleweight and light-heavyweight Golden Glove champion and for four years in a row captured the 36th Division 175-pound title.

Salads, steaks and chops are his favorite foods while golf, fishing, boxing and football are his favorite sports.

He is married and has a son, Ramon Perez Jr. age 21 months

"GENTLE" JOHN KILONIS

By Vince Salerno and Pat Benedetta

DEVOTEES of the fascinating game of wrestling have a soft spot in their hearts for the late, "Gentle" John Kilonis, tough, rough, junior-heavy whose home was Manchester, New Hampshire. John owned and successfully managed an amusement park replete with a carousel, scenic railway, tunnel of love and miniature circus; the amusing adjective "G-E-N-T-L-E" was of course a misnomer as John in the ring was rough. He was a clever hooker, choosing an impromptu style of wrestling that made the fans like him immensely, a terrific drawing card who gave the fans their dough's worth.

Out of the ring a perfect gentleman with the charm, social graces and poise of a Governor or business tycoon, many of the wrestlers in the business visited him at the amusement park. Never scaling over 190 (his best weight at 180), he reached his zenith in his fifties and was the fateful nemesis of many matmen half his age.

John traveled too, always seeking new frontiers—the mid west, west coast, the seven seas and five continents. The rough-and-tumble miners and lumberjacks in Western Australia felt the whiplash of his double wristlock and the burly gold field workers of South Africa learned what a stopper toe-hold was from the lean amiable Greek-American who just meandered into their midst from the ship at the quayside and threw, hooked, rolled and pinned the best of them.

"Gentle" John met the world's best and is said to have wrestled in even the Islands of Reunion, Maritius, Dodecanese, Cyprus, Sicily and Madagascar. . . .

FREDDY BLASSIE—SOUTHERN HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING CHAMPION

By Gene Gordon

Freddy was born in St. Louis, Mo. Now claims Normandy, Mo. as his home town. But Freddy has very little time at home, as he is so much in demand. One night he is in Knoxville, Tennessee, then the next evening he will appear in Tampa, Florida or some other Southern City.

He is a Navy Veteran of World War II, who turned professional in 1946. He started his pro debut in St. Louis. . . . Was an outstanding high school athlete. . . . Played football, baseball, and wrestled as an amateur.

Blassie later became interested in boxing and turned professional. One of his opponents was Lem Franklin, who was considered a good prospect back around 1942. But wrestling was the sport that appealed to Freddy most, and he soon hung up the gloves.

He has met most all the top wrestlers, and always gives a good account of himself everywhere he appears. Some of the better known wrestlers he has met have been Sandor Szobo, Lou Thesz, Gorgeous George, Mr. Moto, Babe Zaharias, Jackie Nichols, Joe Pazondak, Ray Villmer, George Becker, Don Arnold, Hans Schnoble, Chick Garabaldi, Don Eagle, Baron Leone, Tony Rocca and Verne Gagne.

Recently Freddy has changed from the scientific style and the mild mannered bobbysox favorite, and now wrestles more on the aggressive, rough 'n ready style.

His handsome looks and pleasing personality had fans of all ages shouting his name at the arenas everywhere.

Freddy's favorite hold is The Reverse Spinning Neck Breaker and the Atomic Drop.

Freddy holds the Southern Heavyweight championship, which he won from Don McIntyre on Feb. 8, 1954.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH

Sgt. Jimmy Strong, 1st Cavalry Division's light middleweight champion in 1954 and 1955, hangs up his gloves after a successful ring career.

DENTALMAN Phil Kinyon, San Diego, NTC, was chosen as an alternate on the Olympic grappler-squad. Phil keeps working hard to "be ready". He was first in the All-Navy tourney, first in All-Navy western tourney, second in NTC invitational, third in final Olympic trials, and fourth in National AAU finals. Here's hoping he goes forward instead of backwards.

One of the top pugilists in USAREUR is SP2 Edward Crook Jr., who has lost only six of 106 fights. The 6th Infantry Regiment boxer weighs in at 156 lbs.

Ft. Polk, La., welterweight Pearce Lane is the brother of Kenny Lane, top ranking lightweight contender.

STRONG FIGHTER

SFC Gordon W. Lowe reports on Jimmy Strong, one of the 1st Cavalry Division's top boxers. Strong recently hung up his gloves in retirement after a notable record in the squared circle with "The First Team".

Following early days of amateur boxing with the YMCA team in his hometown of Baltimore, Md. Jim notched a brilliant record in the books of service boxing in the Far East Command during a two-year stand.

Joining the 1st Cavalry Division on Hokkaido in January 1954, he started serious training under the watchful eye of Tommy Leedle, a talented pugilist with a record of 28 professional fights in the Detroit, Mich. area, including a defeat of Al Andrews, then a ranking middleweight in the USA.

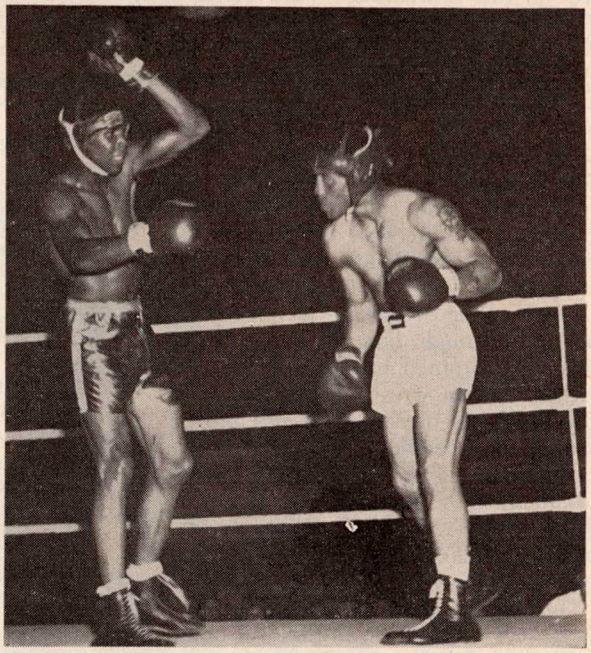
In five fights on Hokkaido during 1954, Jim scored four kayoes as a member of the Division Special Troops boxing team. Eventually he slugged his way into the Division light-middleweight championship.

Assigned to Division Special Service, he was in the logical slot to develop his pugilistic abilities and the next year proved to be his best.

After annexing the division championship in his weight class for the second straight year, he also became Northern Honshu (IX Corps) champ and was voted outstanding boxer in both instances. He furthered his prestige when he garnered the runner-up trophy in the light-middleweight matches of the 1955 AFFE/8th Army Boxing Tourney.

During his two years of fighting with the division, Jimmy had a total of 21 bouts, winning 17 of these, against 4 defeats via decisions. He often participated in goodwill boxing shows, matching U. S. military service boxers against some of Japan's top pugilists and gave a good account of himself.

And so, Jimmy Strong, son of Mr. Hughy Strong of 6805 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, Md., has hung up the gloves. Because of an old nose injury, which hampered his pugilistic career, he will enter the Tokyo Army Hospital for treatment that will revitalize his battered "schnozz". Looking back on his record, we feel that he should have no remorse at giving up the fight game and that the division should be proud of the accomplishments while he wore the gloves of "The First Team".



Pfc. Herman Carroll (right) staggered Pfc. Elijah Murray with a hard right during their middleweight bout in Fort Polk's recent championship matches. Carroll won the decision.

A PITCH FOR BURDETTE

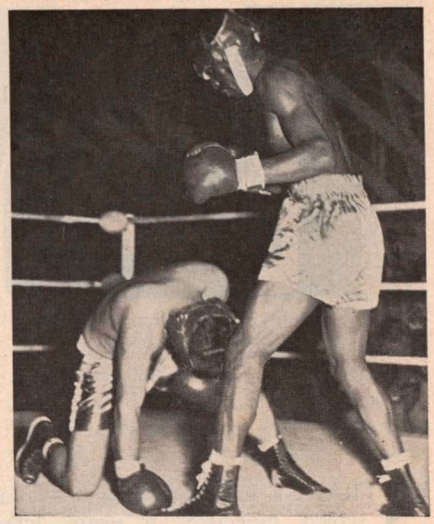
Young George Burdette, a private first class from the 18th Infantry Regiment, Ft. Riley, Kan., has a promising boxing future after only two year's experience.

The Ford City, Pa., youth began his fight career while the 1st Division was in Europe in 1954. He's learned fast, been a willing pupil, and his coaches are predicting big things for him.

"Burdette has come a long way since the start of the season," says Sergeant First Class Eugene Paugh, of the 26th Infantry, who is assistant Ft. Riley boxing coach. "He's just beginning to find his power."

The Vanguard Regiment soldier is 6 feet, 1 inch and weighs 205 pounds. He is 20 years old and began his athletic career as a high school youth, playing football and basketball at Ford City High School in Pennsylvania.

Fort Polk Champions. Left to right, first row: 1st Lt. Pearce Lane, welterweight; Pfc. Alonzo Denson, light middleweight; Pfc. Herman Carroll, middleweight; Pfc. Bob Parish, light heavyweight; and Sgt. Bill Arch, heavyweight.
Second row, left to right: Pfc. Arthur Wells, trainer; Sgt. Artis Ware, light welterweight; Pfc. Vernon Norman, lightweight; Pfc. Orlando Rolon, featherweight; Pfc. Walter Kinoshita, bantamweight; Specialist Third Class Ronald Ige, flyweight and Master Sgt. Relius Broussard, coach.



Pvt. Alonzo Denson stands over Pfc. Frank Castro after dropping him during light middleweight match at Fort Polk. Denson scored TKO for title.

He won the heavyweight (novice) championship of Fort Riley recently when he knocked out Clarence Stephens in a brilliantly fought bout. Burdette called that victory "my greatest thrill in boxing".

And local observers are convinced if he continues to improve, there'll be bigger thrills to come.

ARAUJO DONS GLOVES AGAIN

Former contender for the lightweight championship, Georgie Araujo, put the gloves on for the first time since entering the service when he fought a five-round exhibition at Ft. Bragg's Lee Field House.

The bout was a special added attraction to the 10-bout match between the teams of 82d Airborne Division boxers, representing Ft. Bragg, and the powerful Quantico Marines. The admission was free, both to the service and civilian personnel, and the bouts were well attended.

Araujo, who boasted a 56-7-1 record before being inducted last December, fought Francis Baracao, a former West Coast pro with a 354 record, who is now a Marine from Quantico.

Among Araujo's four fights with world champions, were a win over featherweight titlist Sandy Saddler in a non-title bout and a thirteen round TKO loss to champion Jimmy Carter in Araujo's only crack at the lightweight title.

A run of bad luck plagued Araujo just before he entered the service. He tore a ligament in his left arm, forcing a ten month layoff in 1955. He made two comeback fights and won both last fall before being drafted.

Araujo and Baracao wore 12-ounce gloves for their bout. Ten three-rounders were staged between the Ft. Bragg and Quantico amateurs. The All-82d Ft. Bragg team previously had journeyed to Quantico and came away with wins in six of the ten bouts.

Preliminary plans have also been drawn up a fight for Araujo in Fayetteville, but final details are not available.

FORT POLK CHAMPIONS

Ten fistic champions were crowned at Fort Polk's Field House to climax a three-day boxing tournament to determine the "Old Ironsides" entrants in the Fouth Army eliminations, slated for Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

A fired-up crowd witnessed light welterweight Sergeant Artis Ware, 1st Tank Battalion, capture a heart-stopping split decision over the 701st Armored Infantry Battalion's Specialist Third Class Ramos Colon in the feature fight of the ten-bout card. Colon had victory in his grasp when he sent Ware spinning to the canvas in the second round, only to lose it when he went to the wrong corner to wait for Referee Relius Broussard's count. The delay let Ware recover, and come back in the third to win this slam-bang light welterweight fight.

Other champions were flyweight Specialist Third Class Roland Ige, Maintenance Battalion, who decisioned Private Pablo Alvarez; Bantamweight Private First Class Walter Kinoshita, 16th Armored Engineer Battalion, by virtue of his 2:48 first round kayo of Private First Class Jesus Davila, 702nd Armored Infantry Battalion; featherweight Private First Class Orlando Rolon, 634th Armored Infantry Battalion, by a TKO in the second over Sergeant Sal Montoya of the 702nd Armored Infantry Battalion; and lightweight Private First Class Arthur Deluna of the 702nd Armored Infantry Battalion.

Welterweight 1st Lieutenant Pearce Lane, 1st Combat Aviation Company, whose brother Kenny is the world's eight-ranking lightweight contender, took a default victory from Specialist Second Class Albert Rice of Maintenance Battalion.

Light middleweight Private Alonzo Denson, 1st Tank Battalion, scored a quick knockout in his match with Private First Class Roland Waddell, 634th Armored Infantry Battalion in 2:38 of the first; Private First Class Herman Carroll, 1st T&S Battalion, outlasted Private First Class Elijah Murray, 1st Tank Battalion, to win a unanimous decision in their middleweight set-to; Private First Class Bob Parish, Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Division, fighting lightheavyweight against Private First Class Herman Donald of the 701st Armored Infantry Battalion, registered a quick knockout in 2:50 of the first; and Sergeant William Arch, 4th Tank Battalion, took a decision from Sergeant Tom Cunningham of the 13th Tank Battalion in the heavyweight class.

Before the last days of the tournament the following fights took place:

A fast-moving lightweight battle between Private Vernon Norman, Cleveland, Ohio, and Private First Class Walter Kinoshita of Hawaii was also a real crowd-pleaser. Norman took a unanimous decision over his faster foe.

In the other results, Albert Rice, New York City, decisioned Truman Thompson, Daws, W. Va., Andrew Brooks, Nashville, Tenn., decisioned Kenneth Fiore, Providence, R. I.; Wilford Pickett, Washington, D. C., topped Johnny Harris, Chicago; and Phillip Barron, San Antonio, Texas, won on default over Eugene Wiseman of Pocahontas, Ark. These were welterweight contests.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

STRANGE images sometimes appear on your television screen, especially, it seems, when fights are being televised.

It was on a night not long ago, August 24, that in millions of homes throughout America Wallace (Bud) Smith was seen retaining his world lightweight title on a fifteen rounds decision against hometown boy Joe Brown in New Orleans.

Through thirteen rounds millions of viewers saw Brown retreat, retreat and retreat—with no thought of effective campaign, with, seemingly, less thought of winning the fight. The only way, the screens portrayed to us, Brown could gain the title in the closing minutes of the fight was to knock Smith out, and that appeared to be impossible for a number of reasons, among them the fact that since an early round Brown had not used his right hand, holding it limply and solely for defense. The retreat was a panic, the one good hand, the left, flicking aimlessly and in desperation.

There could be no doubt—in the minds of the millions of viewers—that Smith would retain his title with a fifteen round decision in a bout that wound up as a much easier victory for him than was expected, due to the injury of his opponent.

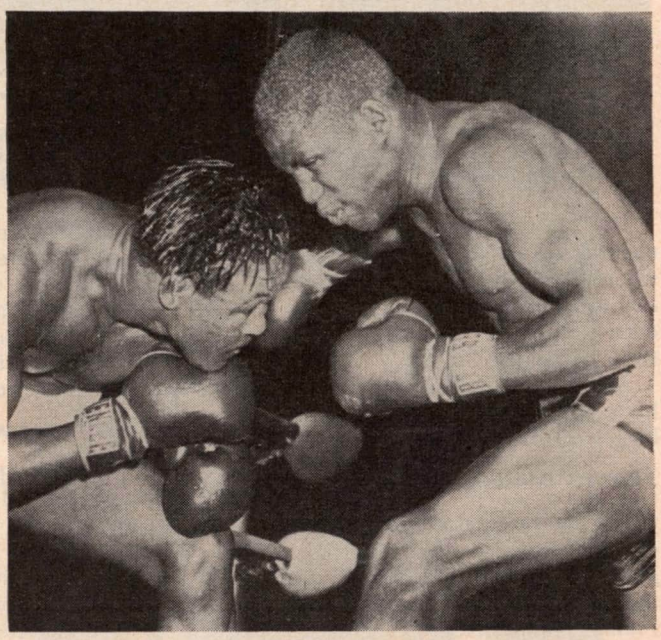
But in the fourteenth Smith went down from a right hand thrown by Brown. Later in the round he went down again. But he survived the session, the bell coming to his aid. In the fifteenth round Brown did not use his right hand with any effectiveness, though the televiewers admit he won the round. Smith appeared to be groggy. Brown appeared to revert to his ineffectiveness of the early rounds. But the round he won.

So there you have the fight and what, on the screens, seemed to be a certain victory for Smith. To the televiewers, he had a clear and decisive margin in rounds in a state where bouts are scored on rounds.

But Brown was given a split decision by the officials. Now that in itself seemed strange to the viewers. The scoring, though, seemed absurd. Had Brown been given the decision on a close score, it is doubtful that much of a hubbub would have resulted. But the round score, to the viewers, was ludicrous. Judge Frederick Adams had Smith ahead 7 rounds to 6 with 2 even. For Smith! But even had he seen it the other way, for Brown, not too much fault could be found with him by the viewers. They thought he had it right and was the only official who did. Some rounds, they know, can be scored either way, depending on where you sit, what you are looking for and whether your indigestion is acting up again.

What amazed everyone was the vote of the referee and the other judge. The attitude seemed to be, vote for Brown if you want to but oh! how did you ever come up with that round score?

Referee Roland Brown had Joe Brown the winner, twelve rounds to three! Judge Charles Dabney scored it nine rounds for Brown, three for Smith and three even!



Johnny Saxton (right) and Kid Gavilan in 1954 in Philadelphia engaged in one of a number of important bouts in which the TV viewers and the official drastically disagreed. Saxton won the title here. In Saxton's first bout with Carmen Basilio, in Chicago this year, fans and officials saw fight differently again. In the return Basilio brought his own two officials, a damaging left and a hard right.

It is doubtful that any impartial TV viewer scored more than four rounds for Brown.

However, comes the rebuttal. You can't score a fight on TV. You miss too much. You don't see the infighting (what infighting?); you can't tell the full effect of the punches (what punches?).

In this case, that's pure poppycock. Some fights because of styles are difficult to score. Even the judges and referee and ringside observers, at times, have a time trying to evaluate properly the infighting. Granted, they should have a better view of such fighting because they are seeing it in three dimensions.

But this was an easy fight to score, made that much simpler by the handicap under which Brown was forced to retreat.

This is not the first big fight that has had the televiewers at odds with the officials by a wide margin. No doubt it won't be the last.

There was, for instance, the Johnny Saxton-Kid Gavilan welterweight title bout in Philadelphia and the Saxton-Carmen Basilio fiasco in Chicago.

In his return match with Saxton, Basilio took no chances

on a weird decision. He bombed Saxton to the body and hammered him to the head until Johnny was completely defenseless and the referee had to intervene. You see, Basilio remembered the first decision. Forty million TV viewers and he thought that he had retained his title. The officials thought otherwise.

Everyone was in accord this time.

FALL OF BATAAN

Filipino fighters were seen for the first time on a nationwide TV hook-up during 1956, both against champions.

At the Cow Palace, San Francisco, on January 18, Gabriel (Flash) Elorde was seen in a title bout with world featherweight champion Sandy Saddler and gave a good account of himself, before being stopped in the thirteenth round.

Then the second Filipino fighter made his American TV debut when we watched the Fall of Bataan, N. B. A. bantamweight champion Raton Macias of Mexico halting Larry Bataan in six rounds in Hollywood on September 5. It was a non-title bout.

Elorde also cashed in on an unusual development the night he fought Miguel Berrios at San Francisco. It was the night of the Republican Convention, also in San Francisco, on August 22, and when the Convention, which was being televised ran over its time it was allowed to continue on in lieu of the fight. So, Elorde and Berrios, nevertheless, picked up their TV money for a bout that was not videod.

"IT IS DRIZZLING RAIN . . ."

It was some thirty-five years ago that the Jack Dempsey-George Carpentier "Battle of the Century" was fought at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, N. J. The date was July 2, 1921. That is a memorable battle and produced the first of the million dollar gates.

TV FAN POLL

Well over 100 fights have been presented to the fans on nationwide hook-ups on television during 1956. There have been many exciting bouts, many that caused controversy and dispute.

A number of young fighters have come to the fore on TV and some of the old favorites have retained their prowess and popularity in bouts that were screened this year.

What fighter, seen on video one or more times during 1956, gets your vote as the TV Fighter of the Year? Which fight, of all those screened this past year, has left a lasting impression as the Best of '56.

Don't fail to cast your ballot for your favorites, listing five outstanding fighters and the five best fights seen on TV, in the order of your preference. The TV Fan Poll, with the selections, will be carried with our TV Round-Up of the Year in the February issue. Your votes must be in before November 30.

Mail them to: TV Editor, The Ring Magazine, 307 West 49th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

But it was one of the preliminary bouts, between Packey O'Gatty and Frankie Burns, that gained the lion's share of the historic firsts established that day.

The "voice amplifier" (loud speaker) was to be used for the first time that day. Large horns were seen sprouting all over the arena so that Joe Humphreys could announce the Dempsey-Carpentier fight. But Humphreys decided to try it out first on one of the other bouts. The O'Gatty-Burns contest was selected.

After announcing Burns and O'Gatty over the "voice amplifier" Humphreys pointed at the "Magnovox" and yelled to some one in the ring, "Aw! Take it away!"

He wasn't satisfied with the results and announced the remainder of the bouts "free-voiced."

Arthur Brisbane, writing for the Hearst newspapers, the New York Evening Journal and the Sunday New York American, commented: "Now they are using the "Voice Amplifier" for the first time in prize ring history. It yells through a big horn labelled "Magnovox" what the announcer says in a telephone receiver."

Then at 1:30 P. M. that afternoon the Burns-O'Gatty fight again ran into some good fortune. The Dempsey-Carpentier bout was actually scheduled for radio broadcasting at 3 P. M. by J. Andrew White (later Major White), assisted by H. L. Walker in the wireless room under the stands, over Radio Station WEAF.

However, during the sixth round of the O'Gatty-Burns contest a drizzling rain began to hound the arena and dark, menacing clouds were gathering overhead.

A few minutes later, in the eighth round, White decided to go on the air and told his listeners to keep tuned for the championship fight.

His historic first words of that broadcast were:

"It is drizzling rain while Packey O'Gatty and Frankie Burns are battling. It is the eight and last round and Tex Rickard has announced that Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier will fight at 3 P. M., rain or shine, for the

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WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
	WEDNESDAY		
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KTLA-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	DEL PARKS
	FRIDAY		
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BOB KELLEY and JIM HEALEY
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.
* Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, announcer.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

THE recent passing of Mike Gibbons recalls the remarkable crowd of accomplished ringsters produced by St. Paul in the decade and a half from 1910 to 1925.

The spectacular success of Phantom Mike was the inspiration that started so many fellow-townsmen on their respective routes to fistic glory. To list only some of the better known, there were Mike's younger brother, Tom; Billy DeFoe, Mike O'Dowd, Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle, Billy Miske and Jock Malone. One of them, O'Dowd, became world middleweight champion. Another, Ertle, held a strong claim to the then disputed bantam title. Tom Gibbons and Miske had cracks at the heavyweight championship. DeFoe was a top-ranking featherweight and Malone an outstanding contender for both welterweight and middleweight laurels.

St. Paul, during that era, probably didn't boast a population of more than 200,000, and was little more than a village compared to such bustling metropolitan centers as New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. That it could turn out so many illustrious ring artists in such a comparatively brief span was remarkable, indeed.

Even more remarkable was the fact that most of the St. Paul mittsters had to learn their fistic ABC's when boxing was illegal in Minnesota, and local fight cards were held on a hush-hush basis.

Interest in boxing was so keen in that neighborhood in those days it prompted a flamboyant gentleman named Mike Collins to open a club in nearby Hudson, across the Mississippi River in Wisconsin, where the sport was legal. Hudson was a matter of only 18 or 20 miles from St. Paul. Mike's arena could accommodate twice as many customers as the town's entire population, which probably wasn't much more than 2,000.

HUDSON A BUSY SPOT.

Collins was a colorful character. Born on a farm near Hudson, he'd been a lumberjack, saloon bouncer, liquor salesman, hotel clerk and carnival and circus manager.

Quick to appreciate the tremendous interest in boxing in and around St. Paul, Mike decided to cash in on by becoming a fight promoter. That was early in 1914.

Collins' club operated only two years, but was one of the liveliest fight centers in the nation. Mike promoted many an outstanding match. Naturally, he featured the St. Paul crowd. Mike Gibbons appeared for him a couple of times, against such strong opposition as Bob Moha and Eddie McGoorty. Tom Gibbons did much of his early boxing there. So did O'Dowd and Miske, who were practically developed at Collins' swatatorium.

When boxing was legalized in Minnesota, Collins ceased operations in Hudson, but he'd become so fascinated by the fight business that he decided to stay in it. Competition would have been too keen for him in St. Paul, so he shifted to the other and larger half of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, and it wasn't long before he was not only promoting fights but managing fighters, publishing a newsy weekly magazine and writing histories of boxing. Collins was largely responsible for arranging the Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons heavyweight title affair in Shelby in 1923—the bout that almost bankrupt the entire state of Montana.

But enough of Mike Collins. Let's get back to where we started, St. Paul and its illustrious mittsters.

EPISODES ON GIBBONS AND MALONE.

There are quite a few anecdotes we recall about Mike Gibbons. One in particular concerned his bout with Augie Ratner at Dyckman Oval, here in New York, during the summer of 1921.

Mike was nearing the end of his brilliant career—failing vision caused his retirement a year later—but this night he was the Phantom at his dazzling best. Ratner was one of New York's best middleweights, but he seemed a crude novice as Gibbons turned loose all his blinding speed and amazing skill. Augie was bewildered by the blizzard of leather pouring in on him.

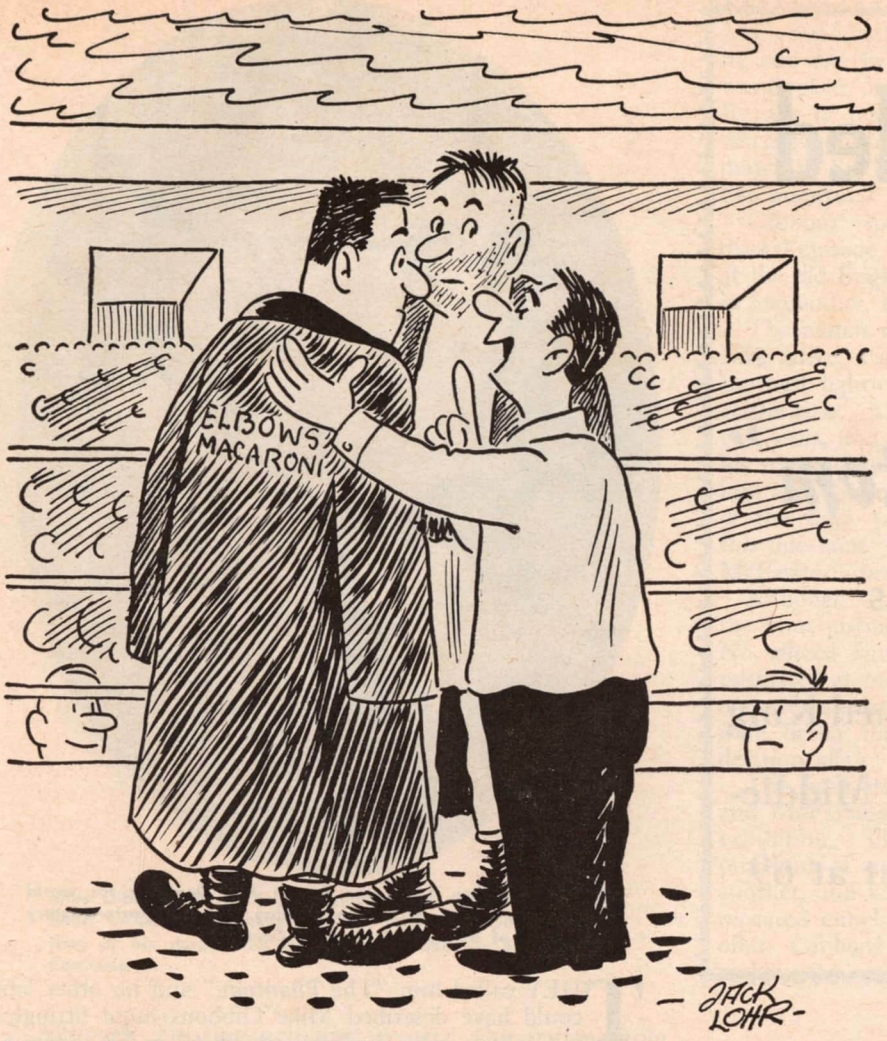
At the end of the fifth round, Ratner dragged himself to his corner in disgust. "Frank," he said to his manager, Doc Bagley, "please do me a favor from now on and match me with one guy at a time."

Jock Malone, another brilliant boxer, figured in an entertaining episode one night in 1921. Jock was handicapped by brittle hands, but he was so fast and clever he could take care of himself against any opposition, regardless of the condition of his fists. If he couldn't outpunch the other guy, he'd outbox him.

This night, Jock dropped into the Bedford Avenue roller rink in Brooklyn to meet Jack Stone, younger brother of Harry Stone, the celebrated emigre to Australia.

Stone was a strong, willing kid and a fair puncher, but too slow and crude for Malone. Jock damaged his hands early in the bout and realized that if he were content to go along and win on points, the match would develop into a drab, monotonous, one-sided thing, with the possibility of his being tossed out of the ring for "not trying."

Malone proceeded to turn the bout into a public boxing lesson. "Let's see how you jab," he'd say to Stone, loud enough to be heard by the spectators. The unimaginative East Sider was an ideal stooge. Dutifully, he'd jab. Malone would brush it aside and say: "No, that's not the way. Here's try it like this," and he'd poke his left into Stone's face. "Now," he'd continue, "how do you throw a right?"



"Now, you boys know the rules. Don't hesitate to call my attention to any mistakes I may make."

Obligingly, Stone would try to show him. Malone would weave under it, then shake his head. "No, that's the wrong way," he'd say. "This is the way to do it," and he'd smack his right into Jack's physiognomy.

The "lesson" continued throughout the ten rounds, and the spectators thoroughly enjoyed the unusual performance.

ROUGH WEEKS FOR BOXING OBITS.

Recent weeks were rough on the fistic fraternity in the obituary columns. Mike Gibbons, of course, was the best known, but the Phantom was only one of many sock market figures to have the final count tolled over them.

From out Denver way came the news of the passing of Mike Malone, who fought three world lightweight champions, Battling Nelson, Ad Wolgast and Willie Ritchie.

Chicago reported the death of Frankie Jummatti, a top-ranking bantam of the World War I era, and Isadore Rosen (Tommy Thomas), who refereed the bout in which Joe Louis grabbed the heavyweight title from Jim Braddock.

Broadway Johnny Cox, manager, promoter, publicist and correspondent for The Ring, drifted out of this restless world via New Orleans.

Here in New York the casualties included Anthony Samperi, the original Terry Young, who fought Leach Cross and Young Otto; Big Ben Moroz, the 7-foot, 270-pound behemoth Bill Duffy tried to convert into a fighter, and Bert Lippe, son of old-time fight manager Al Lippe.

The passing of Lippe, 53, was a deep personal loss to this writer. We had been close friends for a long time. A spry, scrappy little fellow, Bert had a busy career as manager and trainer of fighters. During the '40s, he left his beloved New York and the boxing industry to go to Baltimore and assist ex-fighter Danny Frush in operating the latter's "health studio." After several years in Baltimore, Lippe returned to New York and the sock market, but he was quick to realize that the once prosperous profession was fading rapidly in this TV era, and four years ago he decided that a regular paycheck was better than the precarious living offered in boxing. With his knowledge of physical conditioning and the experience he had picked up during his association with Frush, Lippe shifted his activities to business men's gyms, and was doing well for himself when stricken by a heart attack.

THESE AND THOSE.

The summer of 1956 was the worst New York City boxing has known since the Walker law went into effect in 1920. Not one major outdoor card was offered in either the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds, and Madison Square Garden's weekly schedule suffered several interruptions. The only club functioning regularly in the Big Town was the St. Nicholas Arena. In the four months of June, July, August and September, the total number of fight cards staged in New York was 29. Shucks, it doesn't seem so long ago that clubs, operating all over the metropolitan area, produced that many shows in less than three weeks!

Reports have it that hizzoner, Blinky Palmero, has taken over a "piece" of Larry Boardman, sensational 20-year-old Connecticut lightweight who practically blasted Jimmy Carter into retirement by flattening the three-times ex-champion in eight rounds in Boston recently.

Teddy Loder, popular "club fighting" lightweight of the '30's, is active in promoting Police Athletic League programs in his home town of Keansburg, N. J., where he is Deputy Police Chief. The month's results:

Rapidly establishing himself as one of the better young middleweights hereabouts, Tony (Tex) Gonzalez, 159, East Orange, N. J., registered his third straight win as a main-eventer at St. Nicholas Arena by whipping rugged Fernando Spallotta, 160, Italy, in a fast-moving ten that bristled all the way with action. Gonzalez had too much speed and all-around ability for Spallotta, but the plodding Italian made a fight of it throughout with his aggressiveness and willingness to trade punches. It was a bruising brawl, with both boys suffering slight cuts around their left eyes. Despite the lusty punching, the only time either rival seemed in serious trouble was in the eighth when a Gonzalez's right-left combination to the jaw staggered Spallotta and had him reeling on rubbery legs for nearly a minute. The Italian survived that one rough spell and was still battling doggedly when the fight ended. Joe Donovan, 133½, Astoria, decisioned Mike Spataro, 136, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. John Houston, 154½, Oakland, Cal., was a winner over Archie Whitfield, 159½, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Shelly Finch, 185, White Plains, drew with John Henry, 182½, Harlem, and Dick DeVito, 135, Bronx, polished off Louis Milan, 140, East Side, 1.

▶ Free-swinging Jerry Luedee, 165½, New Haven, Conn., was credited with a knockout over Bob Provizzi, 160, Corona, when their swapfest at St. Nicholas Arena was halted at 2:40 of the sixth because of an ugly gash over Provizzi's left eye. It was anybody's fight for four rounds, but a wild right by Luedee midway through the fifth ripped open Provizzi's eyebrow and blood began streaming down Bob's face. At the end of the round Dr. Sam Swetnick checked the injury and permitted the bout to continue but with instructions to Referee Petey Scalzo to call a halt if the wound became more serious. When the sixth session started Jerry concentrated on the damage and a couple of rights made it worse. With the gore rushing out of the cut, Scalzo intervened. Chico Velez, 136, Brooklyn, won from Art Suffeletta, 138, Stamford, Conn., in the semi-final six. Another six produced a decision for Peter Schmidt, 144, Yorkville, over Al Dixon, 143, Long Island City. A couple of fours were shortened by kayos, Nickie Dellova, 161¾, Brooklyn, stopping a rival Brooklynite, Steve Mazurk, 159¼, in the third, and Johnny Young, 144¾, Keyport, N. J., dusting off Bob Weindel, 146, Brooklyn,

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They Called HIM "The Phantom"

By BILLY WILLIAMS

Mike Gibbons, Uncrowned King of Welterweights and Middleweights, Is Counted Out at 69.

Younger brother, Tom, who fought Jack Dempsey for world heavyweight title, as he looks today after a quarter-century as sheriff of Minnesota's Ramsey County.

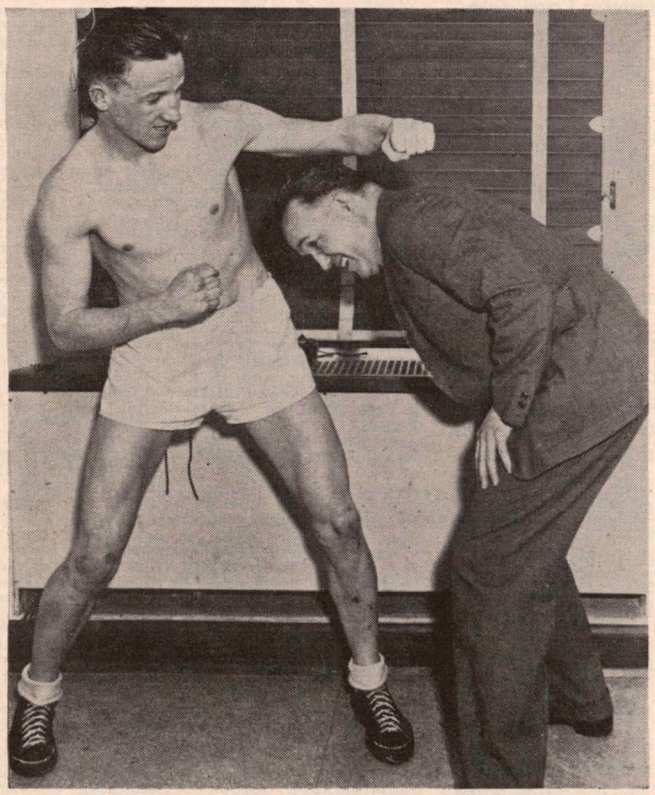
THEY called him *"The Phantom,"* and no other label could have described Mike Gibbons more fittingly.

Gibbons, who died recently at 69 in his native St. Paul, was one of the most dazzling performers the prize ring has yet produced. To him, boxing was both a science and an art, and he was a master in each.

First as a welterweight, then as a middleweight, Mike was generally regarded as the best in the world. Either championship, then in dispute, could have been his for the asking. For some strange reason, however, the St. Paul speedster didn't seem particularly interested in world titles and he never made a serious bid for one.

The record books credit Gibbons with a total of 126 bouts during his brilliant ring span, which began in 1908 and ended in 1922. Mike was never knocked out or stopped, and only three official decisions went against him. Four bouts, early in his career, resulted in draws. His victory column showed 38 knockouts and 27 verdicts. The remaining 54 bouts were of the no-decision species, prevalent during his era.

Gibbons' splendid record can be fully appreciated when a list of the opposition is considered. The welterweight and middleweight classes were loaded with real mechanics in those days, and Mike missed very few of the top tradesmen in either division. On several occasions, he went out of his class to tangle with formidable light-heavies. A roundup of the top men he met would include Kid Graves, Johnny (Kid) Alberts, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Willie Lewis, Soldier Bartfield, Jimmy Clabby, Eddie McGoorty, George Chip, Jack McCarron, Jack Denning, Leo Houck, Jeff Smith, Gus Christie, Mike O'Dowd, Harry Greb, George (K.O.) Brown, Frank Mantell, Jake (Young) Ahearn, Bob McAllister, Jack Dillon, Augie Ratner, Silent Martin, Packey McFarland, Young Mike Donovan, Bob Moha, K.O. Brennan and Dave Rosenberg.



Mike giving few pointers to son Jack, who shaped up well as a middleweight prospect during mid-'30s, but retired from ring when he decided he wasn't good enough.

Mike Gibbons, as he looked only a few weeks before fatal heart attack. Mike never lost his interest in boxing and at time of his death was member of Minnesota State Athletic Commission.

Although his ring activities covered the nation from Boston to Los Angeles, and from Minneapolis to New Orleans, Gibbons had no yen to export his gifted talents beyond the territorial limits of his native land. With his glowing reputation and spectacular boxing, Mike would have been a tremendous attraction in Europe and Australia, but he was content to remain on his own soil. His only jaunts to a "*foreign*" clime were four brief visits to Winnipeg in neighboring Canada.

Much of Gibbons' important fighting was in and around the New York metropolitan area, where his better performances included knockouts of Willie Lewis, Sid Burns, Silent Martin, Young Mike Donovan, Jake (Young) Ahearn and Bob McAllister.

The McAllister episode is one that sock market veterans still recall vividly.

A former national amateur champion, and a popular favorite in his native California, McAllister had come east to New York in pursuit of further glory and its attendant financial rewards. A stunning victory over clever, experienced Battling Levinsky (later world light-heavyweight champion) made the Californian an overnight sensation in the Big Town. A match with Gibbons in old Madison Square Garden was arranged. The date was January 12, 1914.

McAllister enjoyed pronounced physical advantages in height, reach and weight, and he made good use of them for five rounds. A flashy boxer, with an educated left hand, he gave Gibbons a difficult time. But Mike was not to be denied. He finally caught up to the Californian. After giving McAllister a rugged going-over in the sixth, Gibbons finished him in the seventh.

There weren't many fighters capable of matching the speed of Jake (Young) Ahearn, known as the "*Dancing Master.*" Jake's confident cohorts insisted the English-born Brooklynite was one fighter to beat the great Gibbons. The bout was booked, and Ahearn was flattened in the fourth round. By way of removing any lingering doubt in the minds of Ahearn and his constituents, Gibbons gave Jake a return match in St. Paul and this time wrecked him in less than two minutes.

Gibbons' spectacular ring career was marred by one dismal episode. That was his affair with Packey McFarland at the old Brighton Beach Motordrome, near Coney Island, in September, 1915.

The match was one of the hottest "*naturals*" of the era. Like Mike, Packey had been an "*uncrowned champion,*" the best lightweight in the world, but never given a crack at the title. McFarland had been out of boxing for nearly two years, and was active in various business enterprises in his native Illinois. A public clamor for a match between him and Gibbons, the two flashiest and most skillful boxers of the time, persuaded Packey to return to the ring for this one bout. Gibbons agreed to "*make*" 154 pounds for McFarland, now a full-blown welterweight.

Although scheduled for only ten rounds, to no decision, the bout justified the promoters' enthusiastic anticipations. No official figures were released, but the attendance was estimated at more than 30,000, the largest crowd that had ever seen a prizefight anywhere up to that time. The receipts were better than $100,000, an amazing figure for a no-decision affair.

The bout itself was a bitter disappointment. Gibbons and McFarland acted as though they were giving a tame exhibition. They made a lot of fancy motions, but no punching of any account. They slapped and cuffed at one another, and kept the referee busy prying them loose from repeated clinches. Both, of course, had logical excuses to offer. Gibbons claimed that he had weakened himself by making the weight, and McFarland countered by saying he

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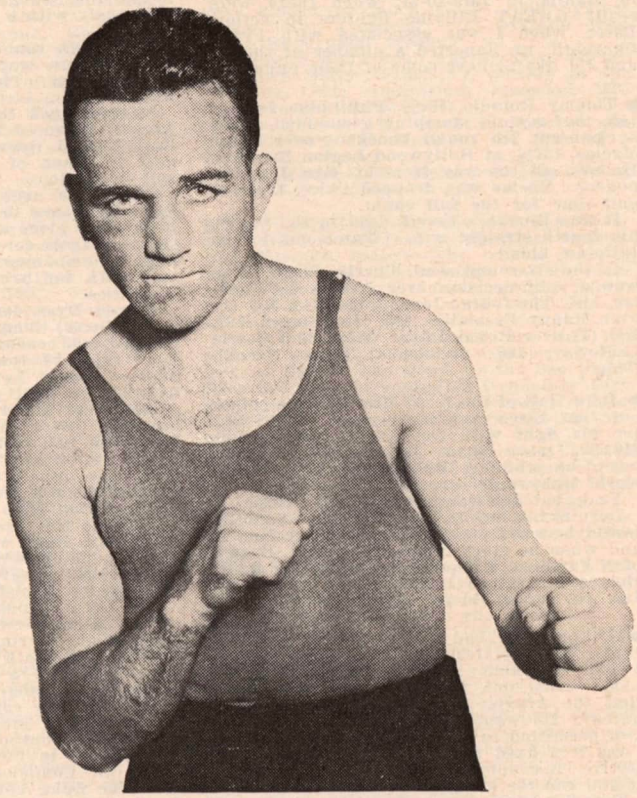


"The Phantom" at peak of spectacular career, one of flashiest boxers the ring has produced. Mike never became a champion because, strangely enough, he didn't seem interested in winning titles.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

RAUL "RATON" MACIAS, the Little Mouse from Mexico, scored a 6-round knockout over Larry Bataan, Philippines, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was nationally televised,—locally, too—attracted a crowd estimated as over 3,000 and a gross gate of $7,315. Not bad. Macias' N. B. A. bantam title was not at stake. The weights: Macias 120; Bataan 119.

Many readers of The Ring saw the scrap, hence I won't go into detail. Macias started slowly. In Round 3 he came out of his lethargy with a body attack that seemed to wear down the Filipino. In Round 6 Raton caught Bataan with a right to the jaw. Down came the curtain.

By exercising supreme will-power, I was able to control my hypertension. It was not a bad fight, but it certainly was no thriller.

On his last appearance in Los Angeles, a couple of years ago, Macias was knocked cold by Billy Peacock at the Olympic, also a TV affair, local as well as national. The gate was over $37,000., an amazing figure for a TV scrap, and most of it came from Mexican fans.

I was amused by John (Hollywood) Hall's conclusion in the Mirror-News to the effect that "it more than made up for Raton's one previous battle here when he broke his jaw and lost by 3-round kayo to Billy Peacock." Pardon, John; Macias didn't break his jaw; Peacock broke it for him. And in my book a kayo over Larry Bataan doesn't offset one at the hands of Billy Peacock. Not by a long shot.

Bataan was thrice flattened in the Far East; held to a 10-round draw by Al Custer in the Philippines, last year. See Page 740, 1956 Ring Record Book. This is the same Custer who a few months later was flattened by Reuben Smith in 6 at the Olympic.

In the non-televised ten, Sal Flores, 160, racked up a split duke over Tiger Al Williams, 158. No knockdowns. Referee Charley Randolph voted for Williams; Judges Frankie Van and George Latka for Flores.

The fours: Eddie Asti, 146, decisioned Billy Gill, 146; Benny Robledo, 141, TKO (2) over Hector Garcia, 141.

Foot-note: If I seem harsh in the references to Larry Bataan, it is because I lived in Manila in 1919-20-21, when there were really GREAT Filipino fighters in action. Later, when I was associated with Frank Churchill, we imported a number of them—and I'd like to have some of their pups!

▶ Tommy Romulo, 134½, Philippine Islands (ah, me! my old stamping grounds!) scored a clean-cut 7th round knockout over Jorge Macias, 137½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. He won all the way from his San Jose opponent. Macias was dropped twice, the second time for the full count.

It was Romulo's fourth fight in the States, his fourth straight win. (Watch out for us Filipino kids.)

In the six-round semi, Charlie Clark 146½, won a split decision over Dargin McWhorter, 148. The fours: Jesse Jones, 144, KO (1) over Manny Escamillo, 145. Joe Smyer, 138, KO (1) over Royal Joiner, 137½, and Corrie Holloway, 186, decisioned Terry Sorrell, 198½.

▶ John Hall of the L. A. Mirror-News points out that Cisco Andrade's purse of $24,238., for his fight with Art Aragon, was about $18,000. more than Joe Brown received when he whipped Bud Smith to win the world lightweight crown.

Yeah, but Joe wound up with the title.

Despite his loss to Senor Aragon, Andrade would be solidly supported by local fans if and when he stacked up against Mr. Brown of N'Yawlins. I hope Cisco lands that fight. He's a fine, clean lad; a credit to boxing. Los Angeles would pay well to see that one.

▶ Of course, it had to happen. One of our junior-grade statesmen, an assemblyman,—I will not honor him by mentioning his name—came out fearlessly with a request that the Aragon-Andrade bout be "investigated". He wants to know "why was Aragon permitted to use collodion patches" and "was it a fixed fight." He attained his objective. A couple of our local papers fell for it and ran the story.

I expect, any day now, to see this same gent come out in strong support of Our Flag, motherhood, matrimony, true democracy, the memory of George Washington—plus a tribute to our men who fought and bled at Valley Forge. I tell you, fellows, it is wonderful to have guys like that represent us.

▶ West Coast fans are acquainted with the location of nearly all the favorite boxing centers, but most of them had to go to their reference books when the dateline "Herlong, Calif.," appeared before the account of a ten round battle between heavyweights Howard King and Joe Sandell. Herlong is in Lassen County, near the California-Nevada border, about 60 miles north of Reno.

King, from Reno, weighed 185 pounds to Sandell's 218. The big San Diego clouter swarmed all over King for two rounds, but from then on it was all King. Sole judge was Referee Johnny Olivas, who scored it 99 to 90 in King's favor.

Tiger Al Jackson, 160, Reno, drew with Alvin Payne, 160, Herlong, in a six rounder.

Results of fours: Floyd Sampson, 172, KO'd Charles Jones, 175, in 2; Sammy Taylor, 136, TKO'd Stanford Christy, 138, in 3; Jean LaForte, 137, dec. Robert Hudson, 138.

▶ There was turmoil, tumult, confusion plus a smidgen of pandemonium at Wrigley Field, L. A., when Art Aragon, 144½, scored a 9th round TKO over Cisco Andrade, 137, in a home-town brawl. Referee Abe Roth, who has been one of California's foremost arbiters for the past 35 years, stopped the fight 42 seconds after the round began.

There were frantic protests from the horde of Andrade admirers, and some widely variant comment from the gents of the press. The attendance was 12,300; gross gate $93,378, and the net gate $84,928. Each of the principals received 30% of the net.

This was considerably less than the $150,000. optimistically predicted when the fight was first made, and the $125,000. predicted a day or two before the fight. But an $84,928. gate ain't to be sneezed at. The local press gave the fracas powerful support.

At the end of the 8th round—and it was in this round that Aragon began to percolate, scoring a 9-count knockdown—Referee Abe Roth had Aragon 78-73. Judge Dynamite Jackson also had the Golden Boy in front, 76-74. But Judge Tommy Hart dissented vigorously with a ballot of 73-67 in favor of Andrade.

In the 9th round that lasted only 42 seconds, Aragon scored his second knockdown, also for nine. This put him far ahead on Roth's card.

Andrade took the count on one knee. As Aragon advanced to administer the crusher, Roth turned toward him and raised Art's mitt in token of victory. That was when hell broke loose.

They'll be arguing the outcome of this fight for years to come. Both Aragon and Roth were given a hearing by the Commission. Aragon for applying too much collodion (or his own private "secret mixtures") and Roth for being too hasty in stopping hostilities.

Braven Dyer, long-time columnist on the L. A. Times, thought "Roth should be commended, not censured". In the same column, Dyer said: "I wonder if the Boxing Commission would have suspended Roth if he had let the fight go a bit longer, and Art Aragon had killed his fast-fading foe with his fists. Because that's what could have happened had not Roth called it quits." There were others who agreed with Braven.

On the other hand, Paul Zimmerman, Sports Editor of the same paper—L. A. Times—opined that Roth was too hasty. George T. Davis of the Herald-Express said "Undoubtedly, Roth was too hasty . . . but it was a humane,—even if erroneous—decision, and probably saved the Cisco Kid from unnecessary punishment."

Sid Ziff's summation—he's sports editor of the Mirror-News—pointed out that "the commission hearing into the reasons why Referee Abe Roth stopped the Aragon-Andrade bout in a sense was unwise, and could set a dangerous course. If referees are to fear the consequences for exercising what in their judgment is the best thing to do" Ziff continues, "then we are in for a bad time in California rings."

At the Commission hearing, two days after the fight, conducted by Commissioner Jamie Smith of Los Angeles, Roth defended himself ably. He said: We have only two choices in stopping a bout. Too soon. Or too late. I'd rather be too soon."

If I may digress for a moment, I remember that on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1941, a local fighter named Turkey Thompson scored six knockdowns over New York's Bob Pastor. Yet Pastor was permitted to continue; grew stronger as the fight progressed, and at the finish, it was Pastor's hand that went aloft in token of victory. Pastor's manager, my old friend the late Jimmy Johnston, said to me: "You've got good referees in California."

The referee that night? Abe Roth. The promoter was Tom Gallery. Yes, I ballyhooed the affair. No, indeed; Roth didn't act "hastily" that night.

When all's said and done, Andrade's purse, $24,278., might well soothe his wounded feelings, and assuage his wounds. You don't get $24,000. purses every day.

Let me sum it up this way: it was a typical Art Aragon fight; alarums and excursions; action and excitement; chills and spills; howls of delight and yowls of condemnation; arguments, for and ag'in; but NONE of the customers were bored.

Oh, yes: the prelims—all four-rounders: Art Dixon, 161, decisioned Pete Gonzalez, 163; Joe Abasta, 146, drew with Connie Citizen, 147½; Luke Sandoval, 130, duked Al Tovar, 128; and Joey Smyer, 137½, KO (1) over Art Lopez, 140.

▶ Jimmy Hornsby, 132, classy Golden Glover, racked up his sixth straight pro win at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a 7th round TKO over Reuben Salazar, 137½. It was an upset, for Salazar had been undefeated in his last ten fights.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Sonny Hett, 161½, Portland, got a 4th round technical draw with Henry Bronko, 156. The fours: Al Wilcher, 124, decisioned Ollie Galloway, 125; Del Ray, 146, TKO (2) over Bud Bardsley, 146½; Ernie Boykins, 158, TKO (2) over Elvin Henderson, 156.

▶ Chico Arroyo of Oakland does not read the Stockton papers, nor does he bother with ring statistics. So the Oakland lightweight did not know that Kid Castro was a heavy favorite to defeat him. Neither did he know that he was far behind on points to Castro after 2½ rounds of their bout at Stockton's Memorial Auditorium. Outcome: Arroyo won by a TKO in three.

Weights: Arroyo, 140; Castro, 141. Willie Hunefeld's promotion grossed $1491.

Castro, of Stockton, had taken a few solid shots from Arroyo while dealing out many more of his own. But the punch that caused his downfall was a left looper which caught the Kid flush on the mouth and dislodged his mouthpiece. The resulting minor hemorrhage caused Dr. Alexandre Barron to advise against the bout continuing.

Referee Johnny Reno raised Arroyo's hand when Castro failed to come out for the fourth. It was ruled a third round TKO victory.

Leo Agbulos, 135, Stockton, knocked out Sammy Taylor, 136, of Reno in the last round of a scheduled six. In another six, Abe Nance, 144, Stockton, decisioned Bobby Miller, 142, Oakland.

Joe Padilla, 136, dec. Paul Felix, 130, in 4.

▶ Sacramento fans are still puzzled why their favorite, Joey Lopes, always loses in televised bouts, then comes back home to defeat such good fighters as Percy Bassett, Sandy Saddler and Don Jordan. This time they saw him against a less known but capable ringman, Kid Centella of Nicaragua. Lopes won by a TKO in the seventh.

Weights: Lopes, 134; Centella, 134. They were slated for ten heats at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium. Gross receipts: $3898.

Centella knocked the Sacramentan down for a 10-count in the second. In the sixth the Kid's eyes were in bad shape, and Referee Johnny Bassanelli halted the battle in the seventh.

In six rounds, Joe Gilmer, 152, Oakland, outpointed Willie Lewis, 148, Sacramento. Another scheduled six rounder ended abruptly, with Bob Scrivens, outweighted more than 50 pounds, knocking out Raul Flores of Sacramento in the second. Scrivens, of McClellan Air Base, scaled 183; Flores, 241.

Outcome of fours: Ted Martin, 172, TKO'd Marvin Ross, 171, in 4; Dave Midel, 124, drew with Johnny Bermudez, 129.

▶ Mazeltov to Archie Moore, who coyly admits to 39 (although his mama states that

he was born Dec. 13, 1913—see Page 164, 1956 Ring Record Book). That would make Archibald 43 on his next birthday. What's a few years amongst friends?

Anyway, mazeltov to Archie. He has taken unto himself a lovely bride—his fourth trip to the altar, her first. She is Joan Hardy, 24, a New York model. Prettiest sparmate he's ever had.

"Mazeltov" is a Filipino word meaning "good luck".

▶ Paul Armstead, 128, scored the unanimous verdict over Gil Velarde, 130, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Both are Angelenos. It brought Pauls record up to 12 wins, 2 defeats—nine kayos. There were no knockdowns.

Best fight of the night was the six-round semi, wherein Paul Baker, 134½, came like Swaps in the stretch to overtake front-running Ray Terrazas, 136½, a Texas newcomer. Baker's body attack in the last three rounds rocked Ray and almost knocked Terrazas on his piazzas.

The fours: Billy Gill, 140, duked Questa Walker, 140½; DeWitt Lewis, 149½, decisioned Denny Crisp, 148, and Chacho Uribe, 127, defeated Ollie Calloway, 125.

▶ Carlos Chavez, 137½, who turned pro in 1939, won a split 10-round decision over youthful Timmie Jefferson, 138½, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. Both boys were warned for low blows by Referee Frankie Van, but neither was penalized for missing the equator.

Judge Frankie Van opined that Jefferson had the edge, 97-95; he was overruled by the two judges. John Thomas scored it 98-94, and Reg Gillmore tabbed it 98-95, both for Chavez.

Fugie Rodriguez, 131, scored a 6-round TKO over James Jackson, 135, in the semi-final, slated for six. The fours: Jose Luis Martinez, 138½, TKO (3) over Mack Corvey, 137; Ernest Boykins, 155½, decisioned John Barba, 156½, and Royal Joiner, 138, decisioned Posey Bridges, 140.

▶ When a matchmaker does not have local battlers for a main event, they say he "imported" his attractions. This was really the case with Al Dermer at Fresno, Calif.—the fistic imports came all the way from Manila and Mexico City. Tommy Romulo, 134, former Philippines lightweight champion, knocked out Felix Vargus, 133, of Mexico, in 2.37 of the first round. They were scheduled for ten sessions at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium.

Vargus was down for four shortly after the round opened. The next concerted attack by Romulo finished him. Felix was counted out by Referee Frank Manfredo.

Special cash bonus for best performance of the evening went to Joe Brewer, 156, Fresno, and Hank Casey, 155, San Francisco. This fast action fracas was declared a draw, after six rounds.

In another six, Marvin Marcus, 139, Fresno, lost a decision to Jack Parelli, 140, Oakland. Andy Carmona, 132, decisioned Johnny Bermudez, 130, in 4.

▶ Instead of southpaw Flashe Elorde bothering Miguel Berrios with his unorthodox style, it was the left hook of the Puerto Rican featherweight which annoyed the Filipino contender in a speedy ten round session at San Francisco Garden. Elorde got the verdict of one judge, 98-94, but the other two officials voted for Berrios, 98-94 and 96-94. Newspaper consensus was for Berrios, 97-94.

Weights, Elorde, 129½; Berrios, 126. Benny Ford's promotion drew 1600 fans, who paid $4550 gross. In addition to a percentage of the gross, Elorde and Berrios each received $4000 from the TV outlay. However, the bout did not get on national TV due to the GOP convention telecast the same evening.

In a ten rounder following the main event, seasoned campaigner Gil Cadilli, 129, S. F., won a decision over youngster Billy Walker, 128, of Oakland.

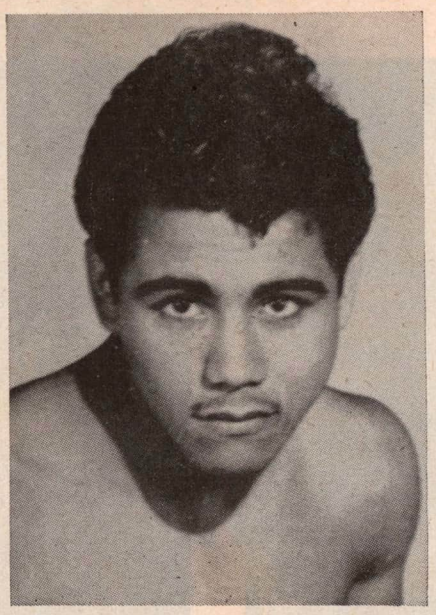
Junius Allen, 135, S. F., drew with Don Chestra, 134, S. F., in a six-rounder.

Willie Davis, 135, KO'd Jimmy Feaster, 132, in 3.

▶ Abe Green, one of the better men connected with boxing, at the last N. B. A. meeting in Miami Beach was quoted as saying that boxing was at its lowest ebb. But it will come back, he said, because it is a basic sport.

Judged by some of those fight films I've seen, boxing isn't basic. It's base. Jerque hack-writers write stories portraying managers as mustached and murderous; trainers and seconds, invariably, as dumb morons; press-agents as alcoholics; (Jersey Jones and I deny that); promoters as connivers and fixers.

The only good guy in the story, as a rule, is the fighter—a clean-cut, handsome, 100-percent American boy. But so stupid that he'd need a nurse to matriculate in a kindergarten.



Raul (Raton) Macias of Mexico, N. B. A. bantamweight champion, hammered Larry Bataan of The Philippines into defeat with a six round knockout at the Hollywood Legion Stadium recently. A match between Mario D'Agata and Macias is being arranged.

That's baloney, of course. Many managers are upright and honest. I've known trainers who had a higher I. Q. than the scribbler who portrays him as a lack-brain. There are press-agents who take a drink now and then, but even after a high-ball or two they can still spell chrysanthemum. And I've known a host of square-shooting promoters.

▶ At this same N. B. A. meeting, Frank Gilmer, new chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission, called for a showdown on the loose charges involving alleged "doped" fighters. "It is time to produce proof or apology", says Frank. He's right, of course. I go along with him all the way.

In forty years of affiliation with boxing, one way or another, I know of no authenticated case where a fighter was doped.

Nope, I dont know about doped fighters. But I do know of a dozen or two dopes who were appointed to boxing commissions. Some are still there.

▶ From Jerry Mullaney: The formal obituary notice said ". . . and former welterweight champion of the Pacific Coast". No one in San Francisco had to check the record book to verify this final, report on Johnny McCarthy, who fought more than 150 ring battles between 1910 and 1923.

He seldom lost in his numerous bouts, and in overweight matches he gave three champions all they could handle. These were Willie Ritchie, Benny Leonard and Ted "Kid" Lewis.

Like many another S. F. ringman, Johnny worked on the street cars. So this observation in a San Francisco newspaper was appropriate: "Johnny McCarthy, the Fighting Motorman, has come to the end of the line."

▶ The heading in the paper was "National Ring Cleanup Sought by California", and immediately I felt a sharp, shooting pain in my—well, you know where. What right has California to seek a "national ring clean-up as H. Jack Hanna, chairman of our investigation committee, suggests? I would say that H. Jack would do better to stick to his own state. Let other states conduct their own investigations.

Sure, boxing has been in ill-repute, time and again. And will continue to be so, as long as men are able to get publicity by blasting it. I'm no chicken; well past the three-score mark—but I venture to say that long after I've been patted in the puss with a shovel, boxing will flourish and prosper, while the politicos who condemn it will share worms with me beneath the greensward.

It is not my purpose to give boxing a clean bill of health. Sure there have been iniquitous people in the game, at times, but can you name any other occupation, pursuit or profession of which the same does not hold true? Think a minute before you answer—because I include even the clergy! And I can document my accusation if it becomes necessary.

▶ Kolo (Duke) Sabedong, 6′ 6″ tall, weighing 207, a former lifeguard at Waikiki Beach, absorbed a solid beating from Young Jack Johnson, 205, at the Olympic Auditorium. It looked for awhile as though Duke would have to swim back to Honolulu. The Duke had size, but Johnson had the wallop. There wasn't much personal damage until the 10th round, when Johnson connected with a right cross and opened a deep gash over Sabedong's right eye.

There was no question about the verdict: It was lopsided. Referee George Latka saw it 98-85; Judge Russ Bradford, 98-90; Judge Tommy Herman, 97-92—all for Young Jack Johnson.

In the six-round semi, Eddie Jenkins, 169, decisioned Clyde Watson, 175. The fours: Norbert Galindo, 130, decisioned Carl Perez, 129; Bud Bardsley, 147, TKO (1) over Eddie Gilbert, 148; and Danny Kramer, 172, decisioned Elvin Henderson, 168½.

Eddie Machen, 192½, scored a 4-round kayo over elderly Walter Hafer, 211, at Portland. I'd be much more impressed with this victory if Hafer had not been knocked out a dozen times, there or thereabouts, in previous fights.

Lou Filippo, 139, racked up a 3-round TKO over favored Rudy Mendoza, 144, at Hollywood Legion Stadium, and thereby confounded the experts. Almost to a man, they had picked Mendoza. Both are home-town boys.

Well, it is always a pleasure to confound the experts. Confound them, anyway. (I was called an expert 36 years ago, when I was sports editor of a Manila paper, and accepted the nomination. And I was confounded plenty—deservedly.)

Filippo scored four knockdowns. The gate was $3430.

In the six-round semi, Dave Cochrane, 148, unanimously duked Ike Jenkins, 147. The fours: Billy Gill, 143; TKO (1) over Benny Robledo, 140; Ray Terrazas, 139, TKO (2) over Bobby Herrera, 142; Dave Gailes, 147, decisioned Jesse Robinson, 147; and Chaiho Uribe, 128, drew with James Manning, 127.

▶ Two Filipino battlers made their U. S. debuts in a pair of scheduled ten rounders at Stockton. One blasted his way to a sensational victory—the other lost a close decision. Dommy Ursoa, 113, of Manila, swarmed all over Augie Angeles, 114, of Mt. View, and kayoed Augie in 2.40 of the second session. Tony Ganados, 121, Manila, gave almost as much as he took against tough Baby Comacho, 122, Oakland, and lost a 98-96 point verdict.

Referee Johnny Reno was the only official. Promoter Willie Hunefeld's venture at the Stockton Civic Auditorium attracted 1600 fans who paid $2893 gross.

Leo Agbulos, 137, Stockton knocked out Jean LaFore, 142, Reno in the fifth of a slated six rounder.

Cleo Frazier, 156, decisioned John Salas, 161, in 4.

▶ The Vasquez family night at San Francisco Garden was not a complete success., Nick Vasquez, heavyweight, won a decision in the six round semi-windup, but his more widely known brother, featherweight Larry, lost by a TKO in the main event due to an injured jaw.

Larry Vasquez' opponent in the ten rounder was Rudy Garcia, experienced Los Angeles battler who shook up the San Francisco lad when he connected frequently with good combinations. He put Vasquez on the floor in the second, but Larry was up immediately.

Though far behind on points, Vasquez took the sixth round. But at the end of the session the jaw injury was discovered, and he failed to come out for the seventh.

Weights: Vasquez, 127; Garcia, 129. Referee; Jack Silver. Promotion was under the auspices of Benny Ford.

Nick Vasquez, 219, seemed to have run out of wind by round three, but came back to outspeed and outslug Babe Hunt, 190, in the final sessions to earn the decision.

Four rounders: Ruben Orono, 144, drew with Abe Nance, 145; Abel Perez, 130, dec. John Bermudez, 132; Kid Sixto, 170, outpointed Billy Ricks, 169.

▶ An amazing turnout of 8,130 paid $14,850 to see Billy Peacock, 120, win the unanimous decision over Mexican gamecock Toluco Lopez, 121, at the Olympic Auditorium. The show was not televised. The gallery was sold out a half-hour after going on sale.

Lopez, born Jose but nicknamed Toluco, had never been knocked out, and was credited with an imposing number of kayos.

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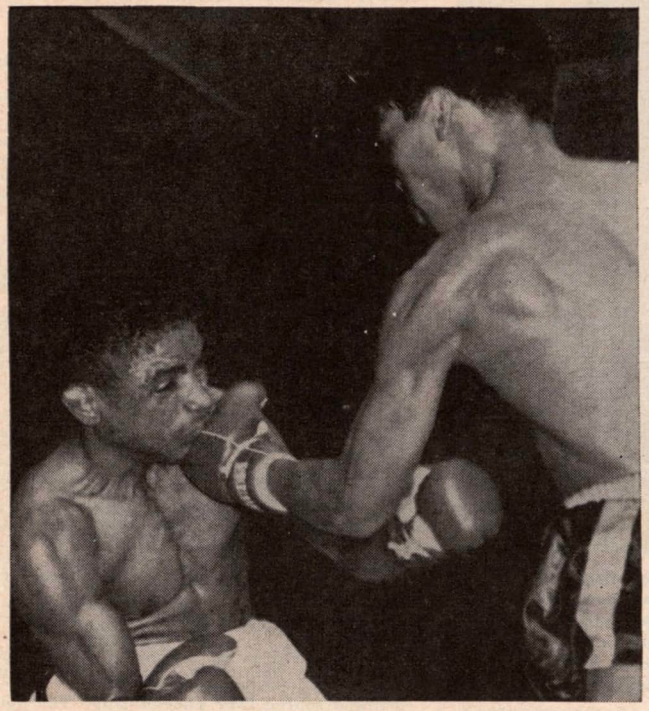
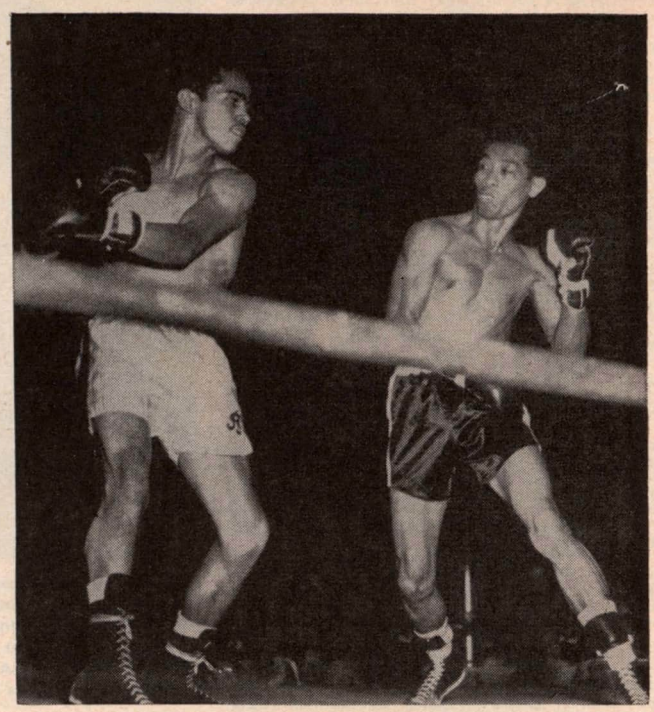
FLASH BANG!



Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, Filipino featherweight, scores with a solid left to the jaw of Puerto Rico's Miguel Berrios during their ten round bout in San Francisco. Buzzsaw Berrios, however, came on to pound out a victory over the southpaw.

FALL OF BATAAN



Mexico's Raul (Raton) Macias, (left), N. B. A. bantamweight champion, and Filipino Larry Bataan are both wild with lefts early in their non-title go at Hollywood, Calif. Macias soon after put on the pressure and halted his man in the sixth round.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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It was widely exploited that Peacock, in addition to his 3-round kayo over Macias, had knocked out Pimi Barajas, 4; Memo Sanchez, 3; Kildo Martinez, 6, and otherwise annoyed and humiliated the Mexican fighters he had faced.

Aztec fans felt that this might be the boy (Lopez, I mean) to avenge these indignities, hence they turned out 8,130 strong to see the colorful little gamecock.

Time and again Peacock nailed the Mexican lad with crushing rights, Toluco would waver, but come back fighting. Bud Furillo, Herald-Express, said: "Toluco Lopez is the most courageous fighter I've ever seen!"

All agreed that Lopez would be heartily welcomed whenever he desired to return to a Los Angeles ring.

Here is how the officials saw it: Referee Abe Roth, 100-90; Judge Dynamite Jackson, 99-89; Judge Jack McDonald, 97-91. All for Peacock, of course.

The fours: Larry Maldonado, 160, TKO (3) over Don Farmer, 151½; Lonnie Malone, 167, TKO (2) over Fred Milton, 173; Terry Sorrels, 198, decisioned Kenny Yates, 190; and Jose Luis Martinez, 141, decisioned Herman Beasley, 144.

▶ Willie Vaughn, L. A. middleweight "almost lost his pants but won a decision over Tiger Al Williams" at the Olympic Auditorium. I'm quoting Mort Moss of the L. A. Examiner. Vaughn, 161½; Williams, 156½.

It was in Round 5 that Willie's panties began to slip, and there were ribald injunctions from the ringsiders to "throw out the lifeline". One humorist suggested that the gamblers had tampered with Vaughn's pants.

As for the fight itself, Vaughn was particularly effective at close range, and punished the Tiger's midriff mercilessly.

The verdict was unanimous—just like a Republican Convention—with Referee John Thomas scoring 99-94; Judge George Latka, 97-95, and Judge Frankie Van, 99-91.

In the six-round semi, Frank Jennings, Perris (Cal.) 137, won the unanimous verdict over Ray Castro, L. A., 137½.

The fours: Sonny Hett, 163, decisioned Ernest Boykins, 160; Jimmy Lassiter, 131½, drew with Norbert Galindo, 130; and Mack Corvey, 136, TKO (1) over Andy Solis, 139.

▶ Irish Tommy Bain, 125, won the state featherweight title at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a 6th round TKO over ex-leatherneck Kenny Davis, 125½, in what was scheduled as a 12-rounder. Bain, who is now a Californian by way of Indianapolis and New York, had Davis bleeding early in the fight.

Davis finished Round 6, but because of an injured shoulder was unable to answer the bell for the 7th. A crowd of about 3500, there or thereabouts, paid $4820. to see the televised tussle. Capable Lee Grossman was the referee.

Scallions to those who thought Davis was feigning injury. There isn't a gamer kid in boxing—even though Davis and I don't agree on politics. He's a fine, clean lad.

Joe Abasta, 146, staged a Garrison finish to get a draw with Gil Holguin, Texas, 143½, in the six-round semi. The fours: Benny Robledo, 140, TKO (2) over Eddie Rodriguez, 137; Dave Martin, 128½, decisioned Hy Bentancourt, 128½ and Danny Kramer (who bears an honored fistic monicker) knocked out Art Shanks in Round 2. Kramer, 173; Shanks, 169.

(Remember the great ORIGINAL Danny Kramer?)

▶ There's a rumor, not authenticated, that Mario D'Agata of Italy may meet Raton Macias of Mexico in Los Angeles soon to settle the matter of supremacy in the bantam class but Billy Peacock, who knocked out Macias in Round 3 the last time they met, and broke his paw in the process, insists that he's entitled to priority if and when D'Agata comes to the U.S.A. in defense of his world title.

▶ Well, the widely advertised report of Governor Goodwin Knight's boxing investigators was finally released, following a year-long, $80,000 study. But James Cox, one of the investigators, was verbally spanked by Committee chief H. Jack Hanna for jumping the gun in a speech at a Fresno luncheon a day or two before the report was officially released. He not only expressed irritation with Cox's speech but disagreed with some of his recommendations.

Promoter Cal Eaton immediately filed suit against Cox for $300,000, and employed famed attorney Jerry Giesler as his counsel. Cox, according to reports, stated that Eaton had "bet large sums of money on 'sure things' at his Olympic Auditorium. Eaton's son, Robert, is married to Governor Knight's daughter, Marilyn.

There was bitter criticism, also, from some of the men named in the report. Jimmy Murray, Oakland promoter, pointed out that the report was most lenient with some of the men who had violated many rules, and seemed vindictive and prejudiced against others, like himself.

▶ Before the turn of the century Stockton was known as "Mudville," and several baseball historians have identified it as the town where the "Casey at the Bat" incident actually took place. Now one of the most attractive cities on the West Coast, Stockton in 1956 has become Northern California's busiest boxing center, replacing Richmond and Sacramento in that category.

Most recent of the main bouts put on by Promoter Willie Hunefeld was that between Tommy Romulo, lightweight champion of the Philippines, and veteran Jorge Macias of San Jose. Romulo took the decision, 98-94 by referee Pete Morelli's score. Boxoffice tab: 1600 fans paid $3,098 gross.

Weights: Romulo, 138; Macias, 139.

Macias set some kind of record for visits to the canvas. Twelve in all, though only one of those was declared a knockdown. Partly accountable for these slips by Macias was the constant forcing by Romulo, who won eight of the ten rounds.

Stockton battler Leo Agbulos, 136, outpointed Jack Parelli, 137, Oakland, in six rounds.

The other six round featured ended in the fifth, with Abe Nance, 148, Stockton, stopping Deacon Bryant, 146, Oakland.

Cleo Frazier, 156, dec. Doug Garrett, 149, in 4.

Who does Basilio want to fight in defense of his welter title?
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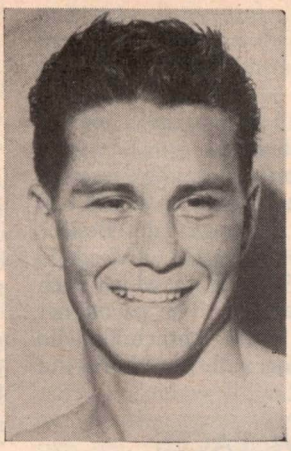
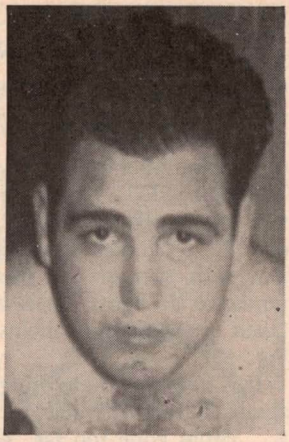
Promising Dearborn, Michigan middleweight prospect Joe Gray, who is making fine headway



◀ Young Floyd East, an undefeated lightweight comer from Lake Charles, La. Floyd has won sixteen of seventeen fights, with one draw, while scoring 10 kayoes.



▶ Art Mayorga, a youthful heavyweight slugger from Youngstown, O., who shows promise of a bright fistic future.

NEW FACES

By LEW ESKIN

JOE GRAY

A YOUNG middleweight socker from Dearborn, Mich., who is highly rated by the mid-western fistic followers is Joe Gray.

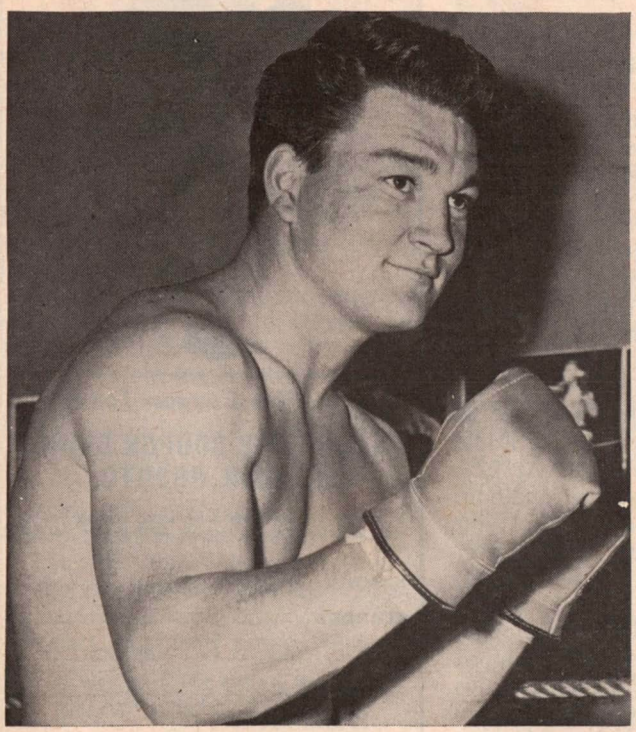
In less than the two years that he has been following the punch for pay trial, Gray has moved up to the main bout class, while winning sixteen of seventeen fights.

Joe started boxing when he was only fourteen and captured a number of simon-pure titles, including the Detroit C.Y.O. and Michigan Golden Glove welterweight championship. He had an impressive record losing only two of thirty-five contests.

Gray had hoped to turn pro when he reached eighteen but the war with Korea broke out he was drafted into the Army. He did some boxing while in service but he was soon shipped overseas and while fighting on the Korean battlefields was wounded in the right arm. He spent over a year in army hospitals in Japan, then was shipped back to the States, where he was again hospitalized, and it was touch and go as the doctors attempted to save his arm. However modern medical miracles prevailed and his arm was saved.

Although little hope was given that he would be able to resume his boxing career, the doctor's felt that the exercise would be beneficial in helping the damaged tissues and muscles and told him to go ahead and start training. Within six months he launched his professional career.

A speedy boxer, he is a favorite with the fans in the Detroit area where he has done most of his fighting. Gray boasts victories over Rocky Volpe, Clarence Riley, Henry Bronko, Bob Rossie, Billy London and Jerry Fowler.



Ex-truck driver Wayne Womochil, a belting heavyweight threat from Omaha, Nebraska. Wayne has won all of his seven fights, with four kayoes.

WAYNE WOMOCHIL

A SOLIDLY-BUILT, five foot ten, 190-pound truck driver from Omaha, Nebraska, Wayne Womochil is a promising new comer to the pro ranks.

Twenty four years old, he made his debut among the punch for pay boys in March at St. Louis by knocking out Claude Brown in 1:26 of the opening heat. He has followed that up with five more wins, as he has kayoed Buddy Roettger in 2; Hubert Khuni in 1; defeated Rico Brooks and Dale Valburg in four rounders, kayoed Pete Arwood in 2 and bested Russell Grotke.

Wayne started boxing as an amateur three years ago, and during his simon-pure career he had thirty six bouts, winning thirty one. His lethal wallop accounted for seventeen of these, while he won the other fourteen by decisions. All of his five losses came on decisions. Among the titles he won were the Omaha and Mid-West Golden Gloves heavyweight championship in 1955.

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IS THE TV BOXING PUBLIC SICK OF MEDIOCRE FARE?

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The evidence tends to prove that it is.

Recent polls indicate a dropping off of the number of fans watching the bouts on video. This is sure to cause a minor disturbance among the sponsors of these programs. Combine this problem with that of the small "live" attendance at fights since television has taken over and the conclusion is revealing.

It is doubtful if anything can be done about halting the televising of boxing . . . it has gone too far. On rare occasions live audiences may be coaxed through the arena turnstiles with a contest of sufficient importance. But this is not the solution.

Boxing has come to depend on TV. The amount received by promoters from the sponsors keeps the game in the U. S. a top national pastime. But to keep it so the evidence seems to indicate that the fans receive the type of fights they want to see.

Could be that out of all this we are seeing the dawning of a better era for boxing.

BASILIO REGAINS TITLE

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such spirit. It seemed from the start that nothing short of a knockout would suit him to avenge the Chicago defeat.

It was in the seventh that Basilio's right hand crash against the mouth opened the deep cut in Saxton's upper lip that caused a steady flow of blood both on the canvas and down his throat. Many stitches were required to stop the flow after the fight.

When the eighth round opened, Carmen rushed out and worked heavily on his opponent's body to bring him to submission. He staggered the champ twice and had him on the run.

The end came in the next round. Almost one minute had elapsed when suddenly a left hook caught Saxton and dazed him. Quickly a long right went crashing to the jaw.

Basilio now gave his man no quarter. He chased him around the ring, cornered him and landed lefts and rights with effectiveness. A left to the jaw staggered Johnny. Then Carmen rained lefts and rights in rapid succession to the body.

Saxton now was in distress. He couldn't get away from the ropes and Carmen found a steady target and fired away, punch after punch landing. He made every move count in the final bombardment.

The title holder was never down on the canvas but it would have been better for him had he dropped for a count. Berl acted quickly when Saxton was about to tumble and the bout was over.

It was Basilio's forty-ninth victory in 60 bouts of which he lost twelve and drew seven times and it was his twenty-third knockout.

Basilio scaled 146 ¼ to 145¾ for the defending title holder.

For his triumph, Basilio received $37,010 while his victim took $74,020 as his share of the huge gate. Besides the local gate of $134,939, TV added to the total $75,000 from which each shared his percentage. The payoff net was $188,317. Norm Rothchild, who promoted the show with Jim Norris, did an excellent job.

NEW FACES

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Married and the father of one child, with another on the way, Wayne is very anxious to make good. He knows that he can earn a good living with his fists and provide for his family, a lot quicker and better than by driving a truck. He keeps a strict training schedule under the watchful eye of his mentor, Dr. R. J. Sorensen, a dentist who has been a long time boxing fan. Dr. Sorensen has high hopes for his protege, whom he feels needs about two years of seasoning before he will be ready to face the top men in the heavyweight division.

ART MAYORGA

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio long has been a hotbed of boxing. It has produced outstanding fighting men like Tommy Bell, Tony Janiro, Jack Trammell, Bobby Bell, Jimmy Jones and Tony Zill. The city has high hopes for a hard punching young heavyweight, Art Mayorga.

Art, a sturdy, five foot ten, 210 pounder has shown a lot of ability for his limited experience. He is of Italian-Spanish decent. Art first took up boxing as a roly-poly two hundred fifty pounder, hoping to lose weight more than to make a career out of the ring sport.

He entered the amateurs in 1955 and surprised by going all the way to capture the heavyweight open championship.

Mayorga made his pro debut in May 1955 in Youngstown, scoring a one round kayo over Willie Parker. He scaled over 230. In July he went to Detroit where he was stopped by Eddie Lee Walker in two rounds. At 227, Art was still far from fighting condition.

Trained down to a compact 215 for his next bout, he turned in a win over Johnny Hobart in his first six rounder. Last January he scored his best win. He upset highly touted All-Army champion Ernie Fann. Since then he has whipped Gene Jackson and Joe LaQuatra. In his most recent bout he dropped a close decision to John Harper, National Golden Gloves champion.

Although Mayorga has a tough time fighting his weight problem, he has shown that he can move well for a chunky lad, and he packs a solid left hook.

FLOYD EAST

A TALL, rangy, young lightweight from Lake Charles, La., Floyd East has built up an impressive string of victories in Texas and Louisiana rings during the short space of twenty months that he has been fighting professionally.

He has scored sixteen wins in seventeen bouts, and recently gained revenge by whipping Gil Tapia, who had held him to a draw last summer, the only mar on his untarnished record.

Floyd packs a solid kick in his right hand, as his ten kayo triumphs attest. He has stopped Al Boudreaux, Richard Garnica, Pat Brown, Hector Bacquettes, Clay Haley, Jesse Guiterrez, Santos Perez, Frankie Wallace, and defeated Tony Gonzales, Carl Foy, Garnica, and the veteran Kid Campeche.

Of French descent, Floyd was born and raised in Lake Charles. He is a graduate of Lake Charles High School where he was an outstanding student and athlete. Floyd served four years as a member of the National Guard and it was while with them that he first become interested in boxing. He had a brilliant career as an amateur, engaging in 105 bouts over a three year period. He won all but eight, and scored 81 kayos. East won a number of titles in the Bayou state.

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MAN AGAINST FATE

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champion and a better welterweight king, was confronted by a comparable road-block tossed into his lap at a critical moment.

Ross was boxing Ceferino Garcia, his burly welter challenger, on Mike Jacobs' Tournament of Champions in the Polo Grounds.

An injury to his right hand had cropped up in training. However, Barney had persuaded his co-managers, Sam Pian and Art Winch, to let the fight go on. Barney was to have the hand treated with a pain-counteracting injection just before the fight.

This, in itself, was not unprecedented. Many a main eventer, and champion, too, had boxed 10 or 15 rounds with a coked-up hand, the distress coming only after the bout, when the drug wore off.

But here was Ross, locked in rugged struggle with the powerful Filipino and just four rounds of the 15 gone. . . . Suddenly, as he reached with a right that grazed Garcia's head, he felt a shooting sting, from elbow to finger tips. In a flash, he grasped the situation —the drug, intended to take him all the way, had lost its effectiveness.

The alternatives were very clear: (1) he could quit in the corner and bank on a return to get his title back, (2) he could tin-can with his right while hoping that his left and his legwork would keep the big fellow busy.

Ross' choice was instantaneous and dictated by his high pride . . . he'd stay in there and try to hide his hurt.

"I was surprised," he said later, *"at how I got away with it. I'd cock the right, push it forward and pull it back, always getting ready to throw the punch but hardly ever throwing it."*

At the finish of 15, Ross had retained his title on a unanimous vote and it wasn't until Garcia was back in his dressing room and being interviewed that the burly Filipino comprehended Ross' deception.

There is still another corresponding chapter dealing with Joe Louis' first heavyweight title defense, when he met Tommy Farr at Yankee Stadium.

Louis had been an overwhelming betting choice to knock out Farr, probably in a few rounds, as most of the experts saw it. In fact, Tommy himself went in with only one conviction, to stay the 15-round distance.

The Welshman had a crouching stance, in which the top of his head was his most prominent target, and, from the start, that hard surface alone was presented to Louis.

Early in the fight the inevitable happened—Joe's right landed off center on Tommy's noggin. The champ promptly got *"the miseries"* in the hand.

So Joe, mousestrapped by fate, evolved his own strategy: he laid back an adequately safe distance and popped away with his left jab.

Farr, defensive-minded and unaware of the change which was his opportunity, merely concentrated on avoiding the jab and trying to fight on the inside. But, the more he dipped and slipped, the more often the jab prodded him. In time, he had to lift his head to get out of the way—and, that was all Joe required.

Now his left became a scalpel, first cutting Tommy around the eyes, then his cheekbones and then the mouth . . . five, ten, twelve rounds, the fight grew monotonous.

Louis finished the 15 without being forced to further damage the hand which had been non-combatant since the collision with Farr's head.

Sometimes a pre-fight accident represents a cruel cut of destiny, as occurred with Rocky Graziano before his second fight with Tony Zale at Chicago.

A day before the fight Dr. Vincent Nardiello, Rocky's personal physician, arrived at Graziano's hotel to give him a final check.

After making small talk for a few minutes with Irving Cohen, Rocky's manager, he inquired about the fighter. Cohen was vague. *"He's in the other room with Whitey (Bimstein, his trainer), they're doing something."*

Dr. Nardiello demanded that Cohen usher him in immediately. There he found fighter and trainer covering the back of Graziano's hand with flesh colored powder.

"What's this all about?" he fairly shouted.

Graziano sheepishly said: *"Well, doc, I was giving the hand a little sun lamp and, and—"*

"Go on, go on," Dr. Nardiello pressed him.

"Well, I forgot to put salve on the hand and I got this"—and he exhibited the back of his hand.

The surface was pockmarked with huge blisters created by burns.

"Oh, my God," Dr. Nardiello exploded, *"the way it looks, you won't be able to get a glove on."*

"Yes, I will," Rocky insisted, *"it don't look so bad with the powder on it. Besides, I lost to Zale in New York on a knockout when they said I could have gotten up but didn't want to. I got to show 'em here that I'm not what they said I was."*

The physician reflected for a minute.

"It's your gamble," he observed. *"If you can get by the commission doctors, I guess you can fight."*

In the fight at Chicago Stadium, a memorable battle, fought under killing heat, Rocky forgot discomfort and disability. It was a survival of the toughest and Graziano was in there to prove his toughness.

During the sixth round Zale collapsed on the ropes and a triumphant Graziano told the story in the dressing room.

"I wasn't going to give in," he said, *"not to the bad luck that gave me this burned hand or to the guys who said I was yellow."*

The challenging spark of a physical handicap recently featured Joe Brown's defeat of Wallace (Bud) Smith for the lightweight championship in New Orleans. Brown, a New Orleans' veteran, hurt his right hand in the second round, played the left handed game until the 14th when he broke loose with a punching flurry that twice dropped the old champ and assured his victory.

"I knew I had to gamble," Joe said. *"The worst that could have happened was to hurt the hand more, I came too far to blow this chance, so I opened up —and it paid off."*

Brown's chance taking with his right hand, later diagnosed as broken, was in the very best tradition, because it recalled the story of the boxer being castigated in the dressing room for failing to fight aggressively.

"What was wrong with you?" screamed the manager.

"I hurt my hand," the fighter complained.

"Is that all?" the manager replied caustically.

"Isn't it bad enough to break one hand?" the fighter sulked.

"No!" the manager screamed. *"You could have broken the other one!"*

What he wanted from his fighter was a big try, it brings the respect and admiration of the press and fans, which are as saleable as success, perhaps more so in the long run.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Leo Espinosa, 123, Oriental bantamweight champion, badly outpointed Little Cezar 122¾ and bantamweight titlist of the Philippines in a 12 round main event at the Coliseum. This bout was supposed for the vacant featherweight title of the country but was disapproved by the Games and Amusements Board.

Leo proved too fast and too clever for the heavy slugging Cezar. Cezar was the aggressor but the more experienced Leo outjabbed and outmaneuvered him throughout.

Danny Kidd, 117¾, defeated Al Asuncion, 117¾ in 10 rounds. This was the best fight of the evening. In the 2nd round, Asuncion downed Danny for an 8 count. In the 5th round Danny received a cut between his eyes while Asuncion sustained a cut over his upper lip. In the 7th Danny received another cut over his left eye.

Willie Tomada, 128 kayoed Clever Tony, 126, in the 8th round. Baby Brown, 126, halted Young Terror, 124, in the 6th round. Joe Cruz, 115 won over Baby Independence, 111, in 6 rounds. Flash Menny, 117, kayoed Charlie Cortez, 120, in the 4th round. Dixie Logan, 107, won over Zacarias Monato, 112, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Larry Pineda, 111¼, of Pampanga, and Leo Zulueta, 114¼, drew in 12 rounds for the GAB version of the Ad-Interim flyweight championship at Grace Park, Clooban. Referee Johnny Laconico decided in favor of Zulueta, Judge John Joseph voted a draw and Rafael Torres voted heavily for Pineda. This was the second time that a championship bout had ended in a draw.

The first one was the Tinde-Trillana title bout. Pineda was heavily favored.

Frisco Concepcion, 124, defeated Pee Wee Vasquez, 120, in 10 round supporting main event. Army Wonder Boy, 127, proved too fast for the slow moving Johnny Pasalosdos, 127, in 8 rounds. Lorry Articulo, 110, won a one-sided bout over Eladio Enrile 107 in 6 rounds.

Cagayan Boy, 117, lost to Kid Basas, 114, in 6. Ben Ferrer, 129, outpointed Ray Criz, 129, in a 6 rounder. Small Dave, 110, was too clever for Raytranco Kid, 105, in 6. Victory Kid, 118, decisioned Angel Boy, 118, in 4. Clever Luna, 109, kayoed Enrique D'Agata, 102, in the 4th. Pete Talento, 130, halted Ben Escalante, 132, in the 4th and last round of the curtain raiser.

▶ Kid Tony, 133, drew with Teddy Robles, 132, in 6 rounds in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Little Romulo, 108, stopped Baby Moro, 108 in the 4th round. Romy Sison, 114, kayoed Teo Castaneda, 112 in the 6th. Sonny Almendejar, 105, knocked out Flash Verja, 100, in the 1st round. Naric Boy, 114, drew with Navy Boy, 110, in the 4 round opener.

▶ Blackie Robinson, 110, defeated Vic Campo, 109, in 8 round main event in Concepcion, Tarlac. Roland Concepcion, 118, drew with San Juan Boy, 119, in 6. Nerison Kid, 112, drew with Clever Luna, 109, in 4. Baby Nestor, 110, halted Fighting Junnito, 111, in the 4th round. D-4 Flash, 120 drew with Monte Cristo, 118, in 4. Top 8-Flash, 110, kayoed Boy Titagcul, 105, in the very 1st round. Boy Nerison, 94, drew with Smart Celso, 94, in 4 rounds.

▶ Young Eleno, 123, decisioned Dan Alfuerto, 125, in 8 rounds in Baliwag, Bulacan. Miling Ramos, 118, kayoed Dio Duria, 115 in the 2nd round. Fighting Obis, 113 decisioned Flashy Nicado, 112, in 6 rounds. Joe Estrealla, 126, outpointed Bahay Pare, 124, in 4. Fighting Ileto, 108, halted Station Boy, 111, in the 4th round. Rocky Ddel Dumandon, 110, kayoed Fighting Facoma, 108, in the 4th. Ric David, 115, decisioned Ben Meneses, 110, in the 4 round opener.

▶ Boy Emil, 112, of Tarlac, outpointed Small Genio, 115, of Cabanatuan City in 6 round main event in Cabanatuan City. Vera Cruz, 110 kayoed Naven Kid, 110, in the 4th round of a scheduled 6. Baby Naven, 126, and featherweight of Central Luzon gave an exhibition 4 round bout against Rush Army and Gene Rinty of San Isidro.

▶ Jet Bally, 127, kayoed Dommy Roxas, 132½, in the 7th round in Grace Park. Roxas had been sick for two days, hence came to the ring fat and flabby. He tried his best and downed Bally but as the fight progressed, he was a weakling at the mercy of his smaller rival.

Gene Aragon, 120, defeated Steve Canoy, 122, in 8 rounds. Winnie Rebolado, 133 halted Ernesto Porto, 132, in the 4th round. Johnny Mortell, 120, and Paddy Borromeo, 120, drew in 2 rounds. The boys were fighting in even terms when Borromeo was pushed outside of the ring and his head struck an iron post that caused a deep gash at the back of his neck, causing a halt to the bout.

Nestor Checa, 110, decisioned Small Dave, 109, in 6 rounds. Bay Ormoc, 112, halted Waling Boy, 114, in the 3rd round. Little Panchito, 118, and San Juan Boy, 118, drew in 4. Ernie Paredes, 120, kayoed Ireneo Bormejo, 119, in the 3rd round.

▶ Young Aquino, 114, of Nueva Ecija knocked out Nestor Checa, 114, in the 6th round in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Rica Junior, 114, outpointed Frisco Genio, 117, in 4. Remy Junior of Arayat and a 118 pounder lost to Young Narsing, 119 of Gapan in 4. Miller Jr., 112, kayoed Speedy Doro, 114, in the 2nd round. Navy Boy, 115, halted Young Quijano, 116, in the 1st round. Clever Liza, 110 stopped Fighting Ely, 112, in the 2nd round.

▶ Young Terror, 127, and claimant to the featherweight title of Visayas and Minanao outpointed Dramrondez Smanchan, 126, of Thailand in 10 round main in Grace Park. The Thailander failed to solve the fighting style of the southpaw. King Tut, 129, was stopped in the 4th round by Paulito Escarlan, 127, due to a dislocated left shoulder. Rankie Milton, 135, won over Rocky Dado, 138, in 8 rounds. Johnny Pasalosdos, 130 won over Dommy Romero, 131, in 6 rounds. Eladio Enrile, 116, and Teo Castaneda, 113, drew in 4 rounds. Taly Virac, 127, and Rocky Menny, 125 also drew in 4. Small Dave, 114, won over Little Romulo, 108, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Cris Miranda, 112½, drew with Frisco Concepcion, 123½, in 8 round main event in Grace Park. Baby Naven, 125, and Bert Gonzales, 122, drew in 8 rounds. Rey Criz, 125, won over Elly Gallegos, 125, in another 8 rounder.

Kid Basas, 114, badly outpointed Leo Macalintal, 116, in 8. Emil de Leon, 114 bested Marcial Messina, 109, in 6. Flash Aquino, 133, lost to Dommy Dorendez, 133, in 4. Victory Kid, 118, halted Young Josefino, 119 in the very 1st round.

▶ The Philippine Sportswriters Association again put up a boxing promotion at the Coliseum for the benefit of the destitute and disabled fighters. Again we received the support of Don Manolo Elizalde, who advanced the 8,000 pesos for the expenses. Mr. Enrique Llanos of Manila Times is this year president of the PSA.

Young Louis, fly and bantamweight champion of South India was one of the main attractions.

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in the fourth.

▶ The expected thrills in the return match between Danny Giovanelli, 148¾, Brooklyn, and Gene Poirier, 150¼, Niagara Falls, failed to materialize at St. Nicholas Arena and at the end of ten comparatively tame rounds, Giovanelli was a clear winner. The previous affair had ended in a sensational eighth round when Giovanelli, knocked down and almost out, staged a rip-roaring comeback that swept Poirier out of competition with only seconds of the round remaining. In the encore both boys seemed sluggish, and the only near-thrills were supplied by Giovanelli when he stunned Poirier in the eighth and dropped him to one knee just as the fight ended in the tenth. Poirier, who usually gets his face ripped, got off easily this time with only a slight nose bleed from the fifth round on. Giovanelli's left eye was almost closed when the bout ended. Al Milone, 148, Brooklyn, whipped Tony Sansone, 146¾, Astoria, in the semi-final six. In fours, Danny Russo, 149, West Side, decisioned Danny Jones, 144½, Jamaica; Gale Kerwin, 139¼, Valley Stream, won from Benny Artist, 137, Brooklyn, and Dick Lowery, 159, College Point, stopped Bobby Gomez, 159½, Brooklyn, in the fourth.

▶ Squaring accounts for a decision lost in Chicago three months before, Harold Carter, 192½, Linden, N. J., swarmed all over Johnny Summerlin, 194, Detroit, to win by a wide margin in a bruising ten in Madison Square Garden's first fight card in three weeks. Summerlin, a good puncher, who prefers fighting at long range, didn't get much of a chance from Carter, who crowded him all the way, repeatedly forced him into the ropes and kept him so busy defending himself he couldn't do much punching on his own account. Only in sporadic rallies did Summerlin cut loose, and his outbursts were short-lived, Carter promptly climbing all over him again. In the last two rounds Summerlin, badly battered, looked as though he would collapse from exhaustion, but he managed to last it out to the final bell. Angelo Defendis, 169, Brooklyn, whipped Said Khelfa, 163½, Algeria, in the semi-final six. In another six, Tony DiBiase, 149, Astoria, was unexpectedly held to a draw by Billy Lepido, 151, Bronx. The outstanding performance on the preliminary card was the surprising knockout scored by Frank Ippolito, 139½, Bronx, over up-and-coming Tony DeCola, 141, Brooklyn, at 1:54 of the third of another scheduled six. In fours, Nick Delleva, 159, Astoria, won from Nelson Torres, 157½, Brooklyn, and Art Lusby, 150½, Dumont, N. J., beat Ray Johnson, 146, Harlem.

▶ Getting off to a fast start, slowing down a bit in the middle rounds, then coming on with a furious finish, Johnny Sullivan, 162¼, England, outfought Willie Troy, 160½, Washington, D. C., for a unanimous decision in an action-packed ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It was a disastrous defeat for Troy, who suffered a fractured jaw during the hard-punching brawl. Sullivan did his most effective work at long range, using a stiff left jab, a jolting left hook, and a booming right, while Troy concentrated on rugged body punching and occasional sneak shots to the head. Despite the lusty socking by both rivals, there were no knockdowns, but in the eighth Sullivan, after missing a wild right, tripped over Troy's legs and sprawled on the canvas. In the semi-final six, Bill Flamio, 146, Bronx, outpointed Schmidt, 143½, Yorkville. Juan Pomare, 163, Brooklyn, decisioned Lee Williams, 157½, Harlem, in another six. In a pair of fours, Angelo Allegue, 161, East Side, had the better of Sal Reo, 157, Bayonne, N. J., and Archie Whifield, 155¼, Brooklyn, beat Ernie Bridgfort, 162, Harlem.

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MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

Entering the ring a pronounced 4-1 underdog, Pat "Spunky" Lowry, 150, Toledo, threw enough jolting right hands at Yama Bahama, 155, Bimini, Fla., to capture a surpise ten round decision outdoors at Saginaw's Memorial Stadium, on a Hank Steinert presentation.

Actually the victory for Lowry was a sweet for Pat and his manager Frankie Gerrard, as it evened an old score against Bob Melnick's stable. Five months earlier Pat started a comeback and looked pitiful against Larry Baker, a Melnick protege, in New York and was TKO'd in eight.

When the decision was announced at the end of the tenth, only Judge Andy (Kid) Brown favored Lowry by a 94-90 points margin. Referee Elmer Brissette and judge Harold Anderson had scored Bahama ahead by surprising margins of 94-92 and 96-94 respectively. The disgusted fans started throwing beer cans, papers and even one fan threw a folded chair at the referee along with a tremendous echo of boo's and hoots supporting the underdog Lowry. Then after a considerable amount of confusing an error was detected in the addition of judge Anderson's card, which then favored Lowry by a 94-92 points count and gave him the decision by majority vote. Lowry was then rushed into the ring some twenty minutes later to be announced the official victor before the remaining spectators!

As a last minute sub, Leffie Walker, Saginaw middleweight, dropped Major Woodson, of Detroit, twice in taking a six round decision. A bout between Len Richards, Detroit heavy, and J. C. Williams, also of Detroit, was declared a draw when both boys were cut in the third; Middleweight Paul Ozzie, of Bay City, edged Tony Hendricks, of London, Ont., in a four; and Dick Custer, Bay City welter, won another four over Ronnie O'Berry, of Pontiac.

▶The weekly Studio-TV fights originating from station CKLW in Windsor, Ontario, across the river from Detroit faded away without a sponsor being picked up at this writing. Final results of the last three cards:

The professional debut of former NCAA champion, Herb Odom, 150, Flint, was a big let down. The six foot two inch tall Odom towered above his shorter opponent, Willie Barboie, 147, Toronto, but showed very little other than the lack of condition in losing a five round decision.

A co-feature five, found hard punching Don Wallace, 147, Barrie, Ontario, making a clean sweep for the Canadian boys, when he halted the winning ways of Mickey Crawford, 148, Saginaw, at six.

Youthful Chuck Taylor, 134, classy Detroiter, piled up an early lead against experienced Merrill Olmstead, 131, Springfield, Mass., then withstood a late rally to win a unanimous eight round decision.
times.

From riches to rags, veteran Lester Felton, Detroit welterweight, trying another comeback, lost to his fellow townsman, John L. Parry, in a dull eight rounder. Parry, in scoring his 13th victory in 16 starts, carried the fight to his opponent, but to no avail!

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES. . . . Congrats to the big three of the Michigan Commission, Floyd Stevens, Abe Kotzen and Bill Matney, who were all just elected to responsible positions with the NBA for one year. Stevens is the new president, Kotzen in charge of committees, and Matney public relations. I am sure that they will do Michiga proud and much for the fight game. . . .

Eddie Smith is doing exceedingly well with decisions over Artie Towne and George Boddie, and also over Curtis Coles, in taking thirteen out of his last fourteen starts since being discharged from the Army late in 1953. . . . The match that all Saginaw is awaiting is a Lowry-Duke Harris encounter. Lowry is holding out for a sizeable purse and Harris wants something more than just 20% of the gate and talk. Harris already holds a victory over Lowry, having decisioned him in his seventh pro fight when "Spunky" was red hot and at his best.

Sportsman Art Greenwald suffered a tough blow when his once hopeful heavyweight, Don Jasper, announced he would retire. Jasper won sixteen out of twenty-two starts, and in his most impressive fight, he stopped Cal Vernon in three rounds for this writer on promoter Arthur Finks' big show that had Duke Harris out-punching Ramon Fuentes. . . .

Kenny Lane, ranking 135-pounder contender, handled by Pete Petroskey, in two recent starts, traveled to New Orleans to even an old score with Ralph Dupas, then outslugged Glen Flannagan at Minneapolis. Lane's latest bout was a five round KO over Ralph Capone in Muskegon. . . . Eli Leggett is recovering from his knockout at the hands of promising young Chuck Taylor, the first of his career.

Nick Opris, who fought as KO Morgan Jr., and was one of the finest amateurs developed here, and as a pro lost only once after twenty-one starts, is set to open a gym on the east-side. . . . The retirement of another local heavyweight was announced earlier in the month when Al DeNapoli stated that Ken Hammer has hung them up for good. The one time "Golden Boy" has a record of twenty-four victories, six defeats, and three draws. . . . Chuck Davey, former welterweight contender, is doing well in the insurance business. . . .

One of the most promising prospects this writer has watched is George Moore, a big sensational heavyweight. George, undefeated, and at 230 pounds has speed, punch and moves like a veteran. Watch him.

The Motor City Fighting Club will return to action shortly with Arthur Finks, the promoter and yours truly doing the matchmaking. . . . Till next month, this writer can be reached at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Mich.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

JOEY GIARDELLO, 161½, won by a technical knockout over James Bussey, 159, alias The Georgia Kid, in the ninth round at Miami Beach but found it hard to convince he is as good as in the past when The Ring Magazine rated him high with the top middleweights. Giardello punched good and true on Bussey, a Sam Sobel luminary. He was well on his way for a lopsided decision when interference from ring physician, Dr. Alexander Robbins, saved him some embarrassment by stopping the match after Bussey absorbed more than he should in the eighth round. The action was wise on the doctor's part for Bussey had no chance except for a knockout. Bussey plastered the Philadelphian in round six and despite his game leg, pursued the favorite at times. 1,998 fans saw the bout. They drew $3,842.

George Knowles, 161, Nassau, won a good eight-semi from Andy Mayfield, 163, Miami, to make their score 2-2. A six round draw resulted in the match between Jimmy Taylor, 192, Washington, and Ollie Walker, 218, Fort Pierce. Eddie Fobbs, 146¼, Fort Lauderdale, annexed a four from Chico Gomez, 152½, of Los Angeles. In another four, Henry Brown, 155, took four from Sonny Lemon, 151, both Miamians.

▶Russ Tague provided another upset, his second straight at Miami Beach, in taking a split nod in 10 rounds over favored Lulu Perez on August 14th. Tague, 130, of Davenport, Iowa, topped the early rounds with his left jabs and rights to Lulu's head and Lulu, 130½, of Brooklyn seemed to catch on as the bout progressed. There were too many clinches and Referee Billy Regan warned them for more action in the fifth. In the same category but coming up with more action to suit the 2,051 customers, Johnny Hand, 123½, Durham, North Carolina and Bunky Frazier, 126½, Washington, D. C. raised a good fuss in the eight-semi. Hand got the decision. Georgie Knowles, 161½, of Nassau, out-hit Joey White, 162, Durham, North Carolina, in their six. Gomeo Brennan, 149, Bimini, took six from Deacon Washington, 155, Camilla, Georgia. Bobby Freeman, 143, Newark, TKOed Jerry Abrams, 138½, Miami Beach in 1:11 of round one. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶Joe Plescia, who with Joe Leto are staging pro fights in Tampa, will have boxing shows every two weeks.

Fort Lauderdale, with Glenn Shepperd at the helm, has contracted for at least 15 shows, writes Joe (Duffy) Harrington.

Promoter W. H. Peeples, Jr., with an IBC connection, is trying to get a world's title bout for Florida.

▶When Jimmy Beecham, of Miami, lost a 10 round decision to former welterweight champ Kid Gavilan in Havana, Cuba on August 18th, 10 of 11 newspaper folks, of which nine were Cubans, believed Beecham the winner. The Ring Editor and Publisher, Nat Fleischer saw Beecham a winner. But Jimmy didn't get it.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

Kennewick, Washington. . . . Coming out of retirement for the third time Harry Matthews stepped into the ring against Harley Breshears and flattened him in :42 of the fourth round. The first two rounds were uneventful except for the left jab of Matthews which had the blood streaming from Breshears' nose.

In the third Breshears started to open up and caught Harry with a couple of good stiff rights.

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In the very opening moments of the fourth, Matthews stepped out and threw a left to the midsection followed by a right to the lug. Breshears went down and took the eight-count. Still foggy, he stepped back into action only to get caught with same combination. Breshears at 188 had the weight advantage by seven pounds, while Matthews at the age of 34 had the age advantage by ten years.

In the semi-windup, Ron Milne and Kel Wayne put up a blistering fight for eight rounds. Both boys were covered with blood. And both seemed happy with decision which was a draw. Wayne weighed 158 and Milne 155½.

Bill Miller, 152½, Seattle, out of the Jack Hurley stable, scored a fifth-round TKO over Kenny Anderson, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Anderson weighed 157.

Burt Singer, 140, Seattle, another Hurley product, looked good with Jimmy Fletcher, 144, Seattle. Referee Louis August stopped the fight at 1:08 of the second.

Ivan Johnson, 182, Everett, Washington, and Buster Kezar, 175, Roundup, Montana, struggled for four rounds, with Kezar getting the nod.

The opener for four rounds between veteran Spider McCallum, 157, Missoula, Mont. and Leroy Flamond, 152, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, last the four rounds with McCallum the winner.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

NORWICH—UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE NORWICH POLICE this town's first boxing show in many a year, at spacious Mohegan Field, was held to raise money for the local youth movement. With Sam Gulino and Ray Lord as matchmakers, a good boxing program was presented, with several semi-pro bouts supporting three pro encounters.

In the main event of 8 rounds, old timer, Jack Flood, 200, from New York had too much ring savvy for inexperienced Bernie Spencer, 190, Westover Field, Mass. Not extending himself too much and waiting for that one opening, Flood found it with a left hook to the head and a right uppercut in the early moments of the third round that spelled curtains for the eager Spencer.

In two supporting four rounders, James Monts, 161, Hartford, slugged it out with Kid Smart, 165, Westerly, R. I., and George "Kid" Ross, 133, Hartford, met Nick Devano, 130, Norwich. Monts was awarded a 4th round TKO when Smart became too tired to protect himself and Ross won a close decision over Devano. Max Muravnick was the referee with Lou Brouilard, former welter and middleweight champion, as guest referee. The attendance was about 500 with a gross of over $1,000.

▶Connecticut's boxing outlook for the fall and winter appears very bright with planned shows for the New Haven Arena, under George Adams; Hartford, under Sam Gulino and Gus Browne; Bristol, under Julie Larese and Waterbury, under Tony Paoli.

The N. B. A.'s new five point system for scoring rounds is nothing new in Conn., as Commissioner Dinny McMahon's staff of referees have been using this system for quite some time.

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RATINGS

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John Houston edged out Archie Whitfield, 6. Frank Sandoval kayoed Negro Rodriguez, 6. Lou Joseph won over Carlton Lincoln, 6. Kid Fenton stopped K.O. McCoy, 3.

Buddy Cochrane kayoed Eddie McGowan, 1. Pedro Bradley won over Johnny Johnson, 6.

Al Jackson and Alvin Payne drew, 6. Buddy Baer and Colorado Kid drew, 6. Bob Terrance won from Turkey Thomas, 6. Hank Casey bested Joe Brewer, 6. Kel Wayne whipped Tommy Berg, 6. Sammy Walker won over Andre Tessier, 10. Bobby Lane defeated Joe Gray, 8. Gasper Ortega decisioned Hardy Smallwood, 10. Jimmy Beau kayoed Jimmy Garcia, 4. Frankie Anselm defeated Otis Woodard, 8. Eddie Andrews and Stan Micheaux drew, 8. Eddie Thompson kayoed Buddy Cochran, 5. Juan Pomare bested Lee Williams, 6. Don Webber kayoed Steve Sabatino, 2. Bobby Jackson kayoed O'Dell Hayes, 1.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World champion Johnny Saxton decisioned Don Williams, 10, (non-title), then lost title when he was kayoed by Carmen Basilio in 9.

Art Aragon halted Cisco Andrade, 9. Ray Perez scored over Kid Juarez, 10.

Johnny Salkeld won the vacant Canadian title by outpointing Al Marotti, 12. Ramon Fuentes lost to middleweight Chico Vejar, 10. Joe Miceli outlasted Arthur King, 10. Gunter Hase retained German title by flattening Werner Handke, 5. Portuguese Champion Chico Santos whipped Gilbert Ussin, 10.

Pat Lowry defeated Miguel Diaz, 10. Danny Giovanelli decisioned Gene Poirier, 10. Kid Fichique defeated Jake Josato, 10.

Mexican champion Juan Padilla lost to lightweight Damasco Collazo, 10. Julio Cesar Jimenez defeated Manuel Ravell, 10. Carmelo Beraza whipped Luis Gonzalez, 8. Martiniano Pereyra defeated Federico Guerra, 10. Tommy Sloan decisioned Johnny Cooper, 15.

Ernest Burford kayoed Charley Fisher, 2. Adalberto Ochoa defeated Oscar Pita, 10. Al Cota halted Arnold Hill, 3. Carlo Sarlo outscored Jimmy Ford, 10.

Jorge Fernandez beat Oscar Ramirez, 10, and kayoed Alfonso Moreno, 7. Dave Cervantes kayoed Roberto Brito, 2, and bested Cuartrero Rodriguez, 10. Angel Cuello won over Agustin Villafane, 10. Nilo Blanco stopped Tony Celano, 1. Rees Moore retained Welsh title by outpointing Eddie Williams, 12. Juan Rivera kayoed Ramon Vargas, 1, Ramon Veron, 1. Frederico Plummer stopped Georgie Collins, 6.

Lee Flamond decisioned Jackie Anderson, 8. Tommy Thomas outscored Jimmy McCoy, 10, and stopped Tommy Berg, 5. Victor Torres kayoed Jesse Robles, 5. Al Milone whipped Tony Sansome, 6. Tony bested Manuel Dizon, 8. Tommy Molloy whipped Joe Rufus, 8.

Joe Gilmer beat Willie Lewis, 6. Dave Cochran bested Ike Jenkins, 6. J. R. Flores kayoed Sergio Rios, 5. Bill Miller won from Tommy Berg, 6. Johnny McKoin bested Al Boudreaux, 6. Stan Harrington and Mickey Northup drew, 10. Rudy Sawyer stopped Jackie O'Brien, 5. Robert Cofer kayoed Julius Rhodes, 3. Herb Rodriguez kayoed Nolan Duplessis, 4. Bill Flamio whipped Peter Schmidt, 6. Willie Barboie defeated Billy Jones, 6.

Kildo Nunez defeated Pelon Martinez, 8. Tony DiBiase and Billy Lepido drew, 6. Don Braun won over Sherman Barge, 6.

Roberto Pena defeated Jesus Moreno, 6. Willie Barboie defeated Herb Odom, 5.

Charlie Clark edged out Dargin McWorter, 6. Don Wallace scored over Mickey Crawford, 5. Abe Nance defeated Bobby Miller, 6, and stopped Deacon Bryant, 5.

Carl Foy won over Dave Wilkins, 6. Eddie Armstrong stopped Clarence Jones, 1.

Jimmy Peters whipped Sammy Stone, 6. Roger Harvey beat Danny Taylor, 6. Peter Schmidt bested Al Dixon, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Cisco Andrade was stopped by welterweight Art Aragon, 9.

Kenny Lane halted Ralph Capone, 5.

Joe Lopes halted Kid Centella, 7. German Champion Karl-heinz Bick edged out Louis van Hoeck, 10. Ralph Dupas kayoed Al Vargas, 5. Larry Boardman halted Jimmy Carter, 8.

Richie Howard edged out Teddy Davis, 10.

Paddy DeMarco bested Jimmy Ford, 10. Tato Menendez won over Fernando Silva, 10, and Chico Medina, 10.

Baby Vasquez kayoed Jimmy Soo, 6. Damasco Collazo whipped welterweight Juan Padilla, 10. Carlos Chavez whipped Timmie Jefferson, 10. Santaigo Ramirez won over Juan Medina, 8, Juan also lost to Indian Bisbe, 8.

Jimmy Hornsby stopped Rueben Salazar, 7. Arnold Hill defeated El Conscripto, 10, but was stopped by Al Cota, 3. Manuel Mendoza won on a disqualification over Joe Castaneda, 5. Fidel Lucero kayoed Rudy Garcia, 1. Marcelino Pena defeated Pedro Soto, 10.

Cesar Saavedra defeated Ubaldo Ramirez, 10. Tommy Romulo kayoed Felix Vargas, 1, and Jorge Macias, 7. Weyman Dawson stopped Noel Humphreys, 7. Willie Stevenson halted Jimmy Watkins, 6.

Ray Riojas whipped Henry Johnson, 10. Beto Gonzalez kayoed Luciano Gonzalez, 5. Juanito Martinez kayoed Chamaco Macias, 6. Chino Castillo, 7, but lost to Humberto Carrillo, 10.

Gale Kerwin whipped Benny Artist, 6. Calvin Smith decisioned Brown Lee, 8. Lou Francis won over Johnny Short, 10. Tommy Elder defeated Herman Hinton, 8. Al Boudreaux and Armando Flores drew, 8. Sam Bonnki defeated Russell Sands, 10. Jim Brewer decisioned Ernesto Sanchez, 8.

Joey Donovan bested Mike Spataro, 6. Juanillo Hernandes halted Rudy Martinez, 5, and Ector Ramirez, 4. Chico Arroyo kayoed Kid Castro, 3. Elio Ripoll won over Jose Campos, 10. Chico Velez defated Art Suffoletta, 6.

Santiago Gonzalez won from Carlos Camacho, 10. Charles Patterson kayoed Frankie Chacon, 3. Julian Perez bested Armando Baragano, 8. Valentin Rangel kayoed Carlos Arregui, 8. Ray Estepa defeated Bobby Freeman, 6. Frankie Ippolito kayoed Tony DeCola, 3.

Ernie Davis won over Yoyo Lewis, 6, and drew with Burt Singer, 6. Kid Telefonito defeated Kid Godoy, 6. Ranchero Ruiz defeated Benny Rodriguez, 8. Paul Baker whipped Ray Terrazas, 6. Jesus Valenzuela bested Pedro Pina, 10, Pina was stopped by Antonio Ramirez, 2, Ramirez also kayoed Roman Perez, 8. Daladier Urista kayoed Jesus Ortiz, 3, and drew with Chivo Diaz, 8. Jack Parelli won from Marvin Marcus, 6.

Bolden Abrams outscored Jimmy McMillan, 8. Leo Agbulos halted Jean LaForte, 5, and scored over Jack Parelli, 6, and kayoed Sammy Taylor, 6. Fugie Rodriguez stopped Jimmy Jackson, 6. Don Chestra and Junius Allen drew, 6. Joaquin Castillo defeated Candido Gonzalez, 6.

Ray Conreras kayoed Manuel Brito, 3, but was halted by Reyes Lopez, 6, Reyes also kayoed Epiganio Garcia, 3. Albino Trevino decked Sal Ruiz, 6. Gaby Corrales halted Gus Quintero, 6. Marino Gonzalez scored over Armando Martinez, 6. Tommy Tibbs decisioned Benny Artist, 8. Art Suffoletta kayoed Rocky Sullivan, 6. Del Jackson kayoed Ray Castro, 5. Jimmy DeMura and Mike Spataro drew, 6. Paul Baker defeated Joe Chavez, 6. Kenny Decaraux decisioned Frank Savoie, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Leo Espinosa won the Philippine featherweight title by outpointing Little Cezar, 12.

Miguel Berrios outscored Flash Elorde, 10.

Victor Manuel Quijano kayoed Otilio Galvan, 2. Humberto Carrillo defeated lightweight Juanito Martinez, 10. Pete Kawala upset Santiago Martinez, 10. European Champion Fred Galiana upset loser to Bobby Ros, 10. (non-title). Gaby Paliotti decisioned Tommy Corrick, 12.

Emilio de la Rosa decisioned Trini Ruiz, 10. Ruiz decisioned Raul Solis, while Raul kayoed Enrique de la Cruz, 2. Enrique whipped Ramon Gonzalez, 10.

Puppy Garcia outpointed Russ Tague, 10. Ernesto Parra beat Ernesto Figueroa, 10. Manuel Armenteros kayoed Bombom Kiriz, 4. Beto Rodriguez whipped Luis Espinosa, 8.

Roberto Ortega whipped Chucho Mejia, 10. Angel Guerrero defeated Julio Escobedo, 10. Luis Trujeque kayoed Pancho Tronera, 7, and Bombero Aguilar, 6. Roberto Garcia defeated Roy Hernandez, 10.

Gil Cadilli decisioned Billy Walker, 10. Jamie Gine defeated Angel Olivieri, 10. Paul Armstead decisioned Gil Velarde, 10.

Al Olivera defeated Juan Garcia, 8. Joe Corso won from Ray Mancilla, 8. Roberto Razo drew with Jose Bautista, 10. Baby Comacho whipped Tony Ganados, 10.

Lalo Camarena outscored Gabriel Nevarro, 6. Jean Sneyers whipped Jules Touan, 10. Ramon Carillo kayoed Luis Pena, 3. Pepe Montes won from Kid Trapiche, 10, and kayoed Chango Kid, 5, and Kid California, 4. Baby Guerrero and Humberto Olmes drew, 10. Chivo Diaz stopped Negrito Medina, 2.

Manuel Robles whipped Rudy Martinez, 10, and kayoed Charolito Cuellar, 2. Baby Antunez whipped Ray Avalos, 6. Luis Contreras won over Kid Campeche, 10. Kid Terranova beat Cuervo Terraza, 8.

Apolinar Huerta kayoed Angel Iglesisas, 5. Gregorio Campos defeated Carlos Montes, 6. Nacho Rosales outfought Alvaro Collado, 6. Ramon Gonzalez halted Pedro Rocha, 5. Angel Garcia defeated Alfredo Triana, 8. Bunky Frazier and Johnny Hand drew, 8. Roberto Hernandez won over Rodrigo Duenas, 6. Mario Vega won over Pollo Sanchez, 6. Sergio Caprari became Italian champion by stopping Nello Barbadoro,6. Manolo Garcia forced retirement of Andre Younsi, 8. German Champion Rudi Langer outpointed Georges Devos, 10. Prince Johnson decisioned George Murray, 6.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Raul (Raton) Macias kayoed Larry Bataan, 6.

German Ohm kayoed Baby Ruiz, 1. Leo Espinosa decisioned Little Cezar, 12. Juan Cardenas stopped Juan Crespo, 7. Rudy Coronano kayoed Ernesto Castaneda, 4.

Lazaro Uribe kayoed Chucho Hernandez, 7. Joe Becerra flattened Jorge Gabino, 5, Jorge also lost on a disqualification to Agustin Campos, 6. Saburo Otaki won the Japaneses title by outpointing Danny Kid, 10. Alvino Felix scored over Pulga Herrera, 10, Herrera edged out Mario DeLeon, 10.

Roque Fernandez outpointed Marcial Galicia, 10, and drew with Joe Medel, 10. Chuy Rodriguez kayoed Jose Luis Mora, 3, but lost to Carlos Cardoso, 10. Miguel Garcia kayoed Patito Espindola, 9. Kid Leoncita kayoed Mario Ruiz, 8, but was kayoed by Memo Sanchez, 4. Juan Cardenas stopped Pierre Stanzack, 7. Pat Supple defeated Cliff Brown, 6.

Tony Mesa decisioned Chango Ceballos, 10. Cheto Fernandez won over Octavio Olivo, 10. Johnny Surduy decisioned Mario Sosa, 6. Oxacas Kid kayoed Anastasio Navarrete, 1, and drew with Guillermo Gonzalez, 6.

Henry Macias and Monito Hernandez drew, 10. Ken McCurry kayoed Yogi O'Berra, 4. Chocolate Barrera kayoed Daniel Romero, 3. Huesito Gonzalez won from Victor Recio, 6. Henry Morales bested Danny Bedolla, 10. Tono Coria defeated Raul Cruz, 6.

Eduardo Guerrero won from Moe Gutierrez, 6. Nicolas Flores defeated Luis Gallegos, 8. Baby Varela defeated Relampago de Hunucma, 6. Pastor Gonzalez kayoed Angel Coronado, 6, Angel kayoed Agustin Perez, 3. Jorge Salazar kayoed Javier Garfias, 6.

Chino Munoz whipped Luis Chavarria, 10. LaTrigue stopped Bobby Ramirez, 2. Ramon Perez halted Baby Saucedo, 3. Zurdo Arce decisioned Roberto Mar, 8. Rancherito Benavides kayoed Ray Vela, 2. Babe Munoz halted Chucho Quevedo, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

World champion Pascual Perez defeated Conrado Morera, 10, (non-title). European champion Young Martin scored over Stan Sobolak, 10 (non-title).

Len Reece outpointed Malcolm McLeod, 6.

Danny Kid won over Al Asuncion, 10. Leo Zulueta and Larry Pineda drew, 12.

Dommy Ursua kayoed Johnny Ortega, 6, and Augie Angeles, 2. Chiquis Rosales outpointed Toro Padilla, 8. Pepe Chavarria outpointed Tibico Torres, 8, Torres beat Delfino Martinez, 8.

Zurdo Duarte scored over Teo Martinez, 8. Pedro Fernandez decisioned Alvaro Moctezuma, 8. Manuel Alcala bested Chico Martinez, 6.

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

IN THE ABSENCE OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, we had during August regular boxing cards with outstanding fights such as Parra-Figueroa rematch, German Ohm's impressive knockout over Baby Ruiz in one round, and Carlos Gardoso's debut with a perfect record of 25 wins in Acapulco, where he started his professional activities. Here are the fight results in Mexico City shows.

▶Beto Gonzalez, 135, knocked out Luciano Gonzalez, 141, in 5. Roque Fernandez, 117, outpointed Marcial Galicia, 119, in 10. Kid Terranova, 126, outpointed Cuervo Terraza, 124, in 8. Oaxaca Kid, 117, knocked out Anastasio Navarrete, 118, in 1. Little Colima, 117, and Guillermo Islas, 114, drew in 4.

▶Ernesto Parra, 124, outpointed Ernesto Figueroa, 126, in 10. Chuy Rodriguez, 118, knocked out Jose Luis Mora, 118, in 3. Al Olivera, 127, outpointed Juan Garcia, 126, in 8. Gregorio Campos, 126, outpointed Carlos Montes, 125, in 6. Chango Samaniego, 122, outpointed Alberto Soto, 116, in 4.

▶Kid Leoncito, 119, knocked out Mario Ruiz, 116, in 8. Valentin Rangel, 134, knocked out Carlos Arregui, 133, in 8. Pepe Chavarria, 114, outpointed Tibico Torres, 110, in 8. Tono Coria, 121, outpointed Raul Cruz, 119, in 6. Jose Trejo, 123, knocked out Martin Sanchez, 119, in 2.

▶Emilio de la Rosa, 125, outpointed Trini Ruiz, 128, in 10. Marcelino Pena, 137, outpointed Pedro Soto, 135, in 10. Beto Rodriguez, 126, outpointed Luis Espinosa, 127, in 8. Lalo Camarena, 127, outpointed Gabriel Navarro, 125, in 6. Vicente Leonardo, 132, knocked out Cecilio Diaz, 135, in 3.

▶Joe Medel, 114, drew with Roque Fernandez, 116, in 10. Miguel Garcia, 116, knocked out Patito Espindola, 119, in 9. Nacho Rosales, 127, outpointed Alvaro Collado, 125, in 6. Guillermo Gonzalez, 118, drew with Oaxaca Kid, 116, in 6. Manuel Valencia, 119, outpointed Maurilio Moreno, 120, in 4.

▶German Ohm, 116, knocked out Baby Ruiz, 118, in 1. Roberto Garcia, 125, outpointed Roy Hernandez, 127, in 10. Chocolate Barrera, 114, knocked out Daniel Romero, 118, in 3. Roberto Pena, 146, outpointed Jesus Moreno, 146, in 6. Fili Martinez, knocked out Salvador Barcenas, 117, in 1.

▶Memo Sanchez, 118, knocked out Kid Leoncito, 119, in 4. Roberto Ortega, 127, outpointed Chucho Mejia, 126, in 10. Ranchero Ruiz, 134, outpointed Benny Rodriguez, 136, in 8. Eduardo Guerrero, 117, outpointed Joe Gutierrez, 119, in 6. Bernabe Meza, 134, knocked out Felipe Ortega, 134, in 2.

▶Carlos Cardoso, 118, outpointed Chuy Rodriguez, 117, in 10. Manuel Jimenz, 120, and Manuel Rodriguez, 120, were awarded a no contest verdict in 10. Al Olivera, 134, knocked out Kid Terranova, 134, in 1. Jorge Salazar, 117, knocked out Javier Garfias, 117 in 6. Pepe Acevedo, 117, outpointed Enrique Moreno, 117, in 4.

▶Trini Ruiz, 127, outpointed Raul Solis, 126, in 10. Roberto Razo, 125, drew with Jose Luis Bautista, 126, in 10. Tibico Torres, 109, outpointed Delfino Martinez, 108, in 8. Mario Vega, 127, outpointed Pollo Sanchez, 127, in 6. Eloy Sanchez, 118, outpointed Gustavo Quiroz, 113, in 4.

BORDER BOXING NEWS
By L. "Borrado" Sanchez

"ARENA TROPICAL", NUEVA ROSITA, COAH, MEXICO—Juanito Martines, 137, Mexico City, flattened Chamaco Macias, 138, N. Rosita, in round six. Juanillo Hernandes, 130, TKO'ed Ector Ramires, 128, in round four. Negrito Medina, 124, Rosita, iced Kid Mares, 126, Sabinas, in the first round. Leoncito Almendares, 113, decisioned Kid Manano, 118, in six. Rancherito Benavides, 116, outboxed Baby Landeros, 119.

▶"Arena Bomberos", Piedras Negras, Coah—Juanito Martines, 136, Mexico City, stopped Chino Castillo, 139, Matamoros Tamps, in the 7th. Pedro Fernandes, 114, decisioned Alvaro Moctezuma, 113, in eight. Negrito Medina, 123, KO'ed lightweight Raul Fernandes, in the second. Tony Lares, 133, outpointed Virgilio Basaldua, 132, in six.

▶"Terraza Tropical", Nueva Rosita, Coah—The referee halted the contest between Santiago Gonzales, 138, Nueva Rosita, and Chico Villa, 137, of Cuba, and gave the verdict to Gonzales..

In a co-feature, Rudy Martines, 135, Piedras Negras, was unable to continue when he hurt his hand and lost by TKO to Juanillo Hernandes, 134, in the 5th. Negrito Medina, 125, again iced Raul Fernandes, 131, in two rounds. Chago Rios, 118, outpointed Toby Kid, 116, in four.

▶"Terraza Tropical", Nueva Rosita, Coat—Humberto "Hamlet" Carrillo, 133, Torreon, won a booed ten rounds decision over Juanito Martines, 135, Mexico City. In a scheduled eight, Chivo Diaz, 132, La Laguna, stopped Negrito Medina, 126, in two, stopping Medina's winning streak at 15. In a sixer, Latrigue, 116, TKOed Boby Ramires, 115, in two rounds. In another six, Rancherito Benavides, 117, kayoed Ray Vela, 118, in round two.

Juan Rangel, 134, Sabinas, beat Tony Lares, 132, Nueva Rosita, in six. In four, Chago Rios, 118, kayoed Baby Landeros, 119, in second.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

HUNUCMA, YUG:—Joe Corso, 127, was a clear points winner over Ray Mancilla, 127, at the end of eight rounds.

▶HUNUCMA, YUC:—Luis Trujequa, 126, was awarded a sixth-round TKO over Miguel "Bombero" Aguilar, 126.

▶HUNUCMA, YUC:—Ramon "Chuli" Carnically kayoed Chucho Hernandez, 116, of Campeche, in 3 rounds.

▶HUNUCMA, YUC:—Luis Trujeque, 126, became the new featherweight champ of Hunucma, when he stopped Pancho Tronera, 125, in the seventh round.

▶HUNUCMA, YUC:—Lazaro Uribe, 116, technically kayoed Chucho Hernandez, 116, of Tabasco, in seven rounds.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP:—Manuel "Negrito" Alcala, 113, beat Chico Martinez, 115, in six; Baby Varela, 116, won over Relampago de Hunucma, 116, also in six.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP:—Julio Cesar Jimenez, 143, got the duke over Manuel Ravell, 142, in ten rounds.

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FIGHTS IN CIUDAD JUAREZ
By Manuel Auza Prieto

JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—Ray Perez, 148¼ El Paso, won over Kid Juarez, 147 Ciudad Juarez in a ten rounder. This one was a sweet upset.

Rogelio Diaz de Leon (Ray de Leon), 125½ San Luis Potosi, won in a sensational way over Panchito Gonzales, 125½ Ciudad Juarez, in 10. Leon was down twice, but he came back strong. A right to the jaw ended the fight.

Marcelino Vargas, 136½ El Paso, won over Enrique Cardenas, 136 Cd. Juarez, 4.

Baby Rodriguez, 125½ Cd. Juarez, won by K. O. in the second over Daniel Olivarez, 124 Cd. Juarez.

Rogelio Cortes, 129 Cd. Juarez, won over Elodio Pereyra, 124½ Cd. Juarez, in four.

▶JUAREZ MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM—Chebo Hernandez, 157 Cd. Juarez, scored his fourth consecutive victory by K.O., this time over "Bobcat" Terrance, 152½ Las Vegas. Terrance was no match for the uncrowned Middleweight Champion of Mexico. A right cross to the jaw put the end in the third round.

Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 123½ Chihuahua City, won handily over Rodrigo Dueñas, 123¼ Torreon, in a very good six round semifinal. Hernandez dropped twice Dueñas.

Ramon Rodriguez, 125½ Cd. Juarez, showed a lot of class whipping Raul Duran, 126 Ciudad Juarez in four rounds.

Rafael Dominguez, 131 Cd. Juarez, spoiled the pro debut of Jesus Lopez, 128½ Ciudad Juarez, winning in four.

Francisco Arias, 133½ Yucatan, won over Goyo Romero, 135 Cd. Juarez, in a dull four rounder.

BOXING NEWS FROM ARGENTINA
By Alfredo Porzio

▶**(LUNA PARK)**—A match between the undefeated Ubaldo Sacco, 155, was won by Juan C. Nicoletti, 155, on points.

(Luna Park)—Unbeaten Jorge Fernández, 146, won his 38th victory in succession. This time by T.K.O. in the 7th round against Alfonso Moreno, 147.

(Luna Park)—Adalberto Ochoa, 148, defeated Oscar Pita, 146, by points, in 10.

▶(Stadio Ebro)—Eduardo Lausse, 160, won by K.O. in 3rd round over Luis Colman, 160, in a 10 round fight.

▶(Tandil)—The World Champion Pascual Pérez, 109, beat Ricardo Valdéz, 112, easily by K.O. in the 5th round.

▶(Luna Park)—Jaime Gine, 125, won his 49th victory, this time over Angel Olivieri, 135, by points in 10 rounds.

(Luna Park)—The non-beaten Elio Ripoll, 134, won over José Campos, 134½, by points in 10 rounds.

▶(Bahia Blanca)—Eduardo Lausse, 164, was beaten by Andres Selpa, 160, on points in 10 rounds.

▶(Luna Park)—Ricardo Gonzalis, 126, after being down in the 2nd and 3rd rounds, defeated Alfredo Brunetta, 126, by K.O. in the 12th.

(Luna Park)—Juan C. Rivero, 145, KO'd Ramón Verón, 146, in the 1st round of a 10 round match. Angel Cuello, 146, conquered Agustin Villafañe, 147, by points in another 10 round fight.

(Luna Park)—The unbeaten Jorge Fernández, 146, won over Oscar Ramirez, 148, on points in 10 rounds.

(Luna Park)—Juan C. Rivero, 146, obtained his 9th K.O. in succession, his new victim being Ramón Vargas, 147, whom he halted in the 1st round.

▶August 25th—(Luna Park)—In an even and intense 10 round fight, Martiniano Pereyra, 140, won the verdict of the judges over Federico Guerra, 147.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICO PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

GERMAN OHM, THE MEXICAN TEUTON FROM CIUDAD LERDO, La Laguna, made our bells toll when he gained a place in THE RING ratings. Ohm used to be a fig planter in his native Lerdo, a little town in La Laguna where thousands of fig-trees are swinging by the desert winds.

▶ARENA "LERDO", Ciudad Lerdo:—Manuel "Zurdo" Mendoza, 139, La Laguna Lightweight Champ, won by disqualification over Joe Castañeda, 145, in the fifth round. Castañeda butted his foe. In the 10-round semi, Jesús Valenzuela, 132, decisioned favorite Pedro Piña, 130. Daladier Urista, 135, a real newcomer, iced Jesús "Bomba" Ortiz, 143, in only three rounds.

▶ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gómez Palacio:-

Joe Becerra, the Guillotine Kid, 118, scored another kayo triumph by putting his foe, Jorge Gabiño, 119, Mexico City, to sleep in five. The scheduled 10-round semi finished in the eighth when referee Nato Chavarría declared a no-contest between Babe Guerrero, 127, and Humberto "Estudiante" Olmos, 128. Ramón Cervantes, 121, the hard hitter youngster, KO'd Pedro Pérez, 123, in four.

▶ARENA "OLIMPICA", Gómez Palacio:- César "Chino" Saavedra, 133, had to work hard to get a split duke over Ubaldo Ramírez, 135, of Mexico City. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 130, kayoed Pedro Piña, 132, in two rounds. Newcomer Daladier Urista, 132, arose from the canvas to get an 8-round draw with hard puncher Luis "Chivo" Díaz, 130.

▶AUDITORIUM, Chávez:- Agustin "Diablito" Campos, 115, won by disqualification over Jorge Gabiño, 118, in the sixth round. Baby Guerrero, 126, and Humberto "Estudiante" Olmos, 127, drew in ten rounds. Ramón Cervantes, 123, stopped Vicente Flores, 120, in the second round.

▶LOS MOCHIS:- Frank Sandoval, 154, knocked out Negro Rodriguez, 158, in six rounds.

▶MAZATLAN:- Reyes López, 133, mummified Nicho Blanco, 135, in three. Take note for your "believe it or not" book: this Blanco funny thing has performed under a lot of names; here in town used to be "Nicho Blanco"; during his tour at Los Angeles, he used the name of "Epifanio Garcia"; and around Mexico City, he named himself "Billy Blanco". In the scheduled tenner of the program, Angel Coronado, 119, stopped Agustín Pérez, 118, in the third round.

▶ACAPULCO:- Raúl Solís, 124, knocked out Enrique de la Cruz, 125, in only two rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:- David Cervantes, 148, iced Roberto Brito, 153, in the second round.

▶LA PAZ:- Al Cota, 145, kayoed Arnold Hill, 137, in three rounds.

▶AGUASCALIENTES:- Apolinar Huerta, 123, embalmed Angel Iglesisas, 120, in the fifth. Jesse Herrera, 146, KO'd Chucho Andrade, 145, in one round.

▶SAN CRISTOBAL:- Veteran Kid Azteca, 153, drew his left hook toward Willie Risko, 158, midsection and put his foe to sleep in six.

▶ACUNA:- Santiago "Gallito" González, 138, won a decision over Carlos Camacho, 135, in ten. Manuel "Ratón" Robles, 124, La Laguna, beat Rudy Martinez, 126, in eight.

▶TAMPICO:- David Cervantes, 148, outpointed Cuatrero Rodríguez, 154, in ten.

▶ACAPULCO:- Ramon González, 125, stopped Pedro Rocha, 126, in five. Zurdo Arce, 118, decisioned Roberto Mar, 119.

▶MONTERREY:- Dámaso Collazo, 135, the Cuban tornado, got a valuable triumph over Juan "Bombín" Padilla, 140, National Welterweight King, in ten rough rounds. Fidel Lucero, 130, La Laguna, stopped Rudy García, 132, in the very first round.

▶TIJUANA:- Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 126, iced Pappy Gault, 124, in three rounds.

▶LEON:- Victor Torres, 150, stopped Jesse Robles, 147, in five.

▶PUEBLA:- Nicolas Flores, 119, defeated Luis Gallegos, 118, in ten. Antonio "Zorrito" Ramírez, 130, La Laguna, stopped Román Pérez, 132, in eight.

▶MAZATLAN:- Ray Contreras, 130, kayoed Manuel Brito, 132, in the third.

▶MANTE:- Chino Muñoz, 119, easily decisioned Luis Chavarría, 118, in ten rounds.

▶TIJUANA:- Kid Irapuato (Ramón Pérez), 119, stopped Bernabé "Baby" Saucedo, 118, in three. Kildo Núñez, 145, defeated Pelón Martínez, 146, in eight.

▶SAN CRISTOBAL:- Veteran Pepe Montes, 130, decisioned Kid Trapiche, 129, after ten rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:- Jorge "Pulga" Herrera, 117, outpointed Mario de León, 116, in ten rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:- Cheto Fernández, 115, got the duke over Octavio Olivo, 119, in ten rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:- Rudy Coronado, stopped Ernesto Castañeda, 120, in the fourth. Henry Macías, 117, and Monito Hernández, 116, drew in ten rounds.

▶COMITAN:- Pepe Montes, 128, scored another victory in his return campaign, by KO'ing Chango Kid, 132, in five rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:- Angel Guerrero, 127, bested Julio Escobedo, 128, in ten. Enrique Bolaños, 129, beat Vincente Macedo, 130, in eight rounds. Chiquis Rosales, 113, decisioned Toro Padilla, 115, also in eight.

▶MATA MOROS:- Luis Contreras, 125, got a 10-round decision over Kid Campeche, 127.

▶LEON:- Henry Morales, 118, bested Danny Bedolla, 117, in ten. Luis Castillo II, 122, nailed Tigre Villagrán, 125, in the fourth. Babe Muñoz, 120, kayoed Chucho Quevedo, 119, in eight.

▶GUAYMAS:- Tony Meza, 118, outpointed Héctor "Chango" Ceballos, 119, in ten rounds.

▶TAPACHULA:- Pepe Montes, 128, stopped Kid California, 132, in four.

▶ACUNA:- Manuel "Ratón" Robles, 125, La Laguna, fastened Charolito Cuellar, 128, in the second round. Albino Treviño, 132, stopped Salvador "Chicharitos" Ruiz, 129, La Laguna, in the sixth.

▶CIUDAD OBREGON:- Arnold Hill, 137, got a very valuable decision over Tomás López "El Conscripto", 142, in ten rounds.

▶TAMPICO:- Manuel Armenteros, 123, Cuban darky, flattened BomBom Kiriz, 125, in four rounds.

▶ROSITA:- Fidel Lucero, 130, La Laguna, and Juanito Martínez, 131, Mexico City, drew after ten well-fought rounds.

▶REYNOSA:- Victor Manuel Quijano, 126, finished veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galván, 123, in only two rounds. It seems that Otilio, former National Flyweight Champion, is washed off for keeps.

▶ACAPULCO:- Enrique de la Cruz, 126, got the 10-round duke over Ramón González, 125. Zurdo Duarte, 114, surpassed Teo Martínez, 115, after eight fast rolls.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Jorge Vieites

HAVANA:—OSWALDO SANTIUSTE (KID FICHIQUE) 143, DROPPED PHILADELPHIA Jake Josato, 140½, in the third, to clinch a unanimous ten rounder.

Indian Bisbé, 133¼, won in eight from Baby Face Medina, 135.

Miguel Nápoles, 170, stopped Lino Rendón, 162½, in 7.

Chino Morales, 123, won in 4 from Carlos Suárez, 123½; and Wilfredo Huarts, 134, stopped Angel Martínez, 132, in one.

Havana:—Victor "Tato" Menéndez, 131¾, won easily in ten from Venezuelan Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 130, in a return bout, obtaining revenge as the invader outpointed Menéndez a few weeks ago. The victory was unanimous.

J. R. Flores, 143¾, stopped Sergio Ríos, 143½, in 5.

Luis Villa, 158, won in six from Mario Hernández, 151½. Humberto La Rosa, 126½, drew in 4 with Chino Bassas, 124¾, and Manuel Machado, 132½, won in 4 from Luciano Flores, 134.

▶HAVANA:— Before a good turn-out honoring the N.B.A. meeting, reason that brought us back good, old Nat Fleischer, former welter king Kid Gavilán reappeared, and disappointed everybody in his ten rounder with Jimmy Beechman.

The only thing left in Gavilan treasures is his eyesight and a little ring generalship. His legs, speed, and right hand are completely gone. The programme was saved by Cuban flyweight king Oscar Suarez, who made an excellent showing.

The results follow:

Kid Gavilán, 149½, won a close split tenner from American Negro, Jimmy Beechman, 150, who suffered his second pro defeat in 16 fights. The other was this year when he suffered a fractured jaw in his fight with middleweight Charley Joseph.

Oscar Suárez, 113½, dropped undefeated American Negro, Cliff Eskridge, 108¼, in the first and again in the sixth, before stopping the game little Army champion with a beautiful one-two in 1:59 of round six.

Two very promising young fellows scored impressive victories when Angel (Robinson Jr.) García, 128, won in 8 from Alfredo (Baby Palamca) Triana, 123½; and little 16 year old Johnny Sarduy, 116½, won easily in 6 from Mario Sosa, 117½.

In the special 4 rounder that was on immediately after the Gavilán fight, Andrés González, 158¾, stopped Gene Armenteros, 151, in 3.

▶Havana:—Antonio (Puppy) García, 128¾, scored an impressive unanimous ten rounder over Miamian Russ Tague, 127½. Before coming down to these shores, Tague had scored two impressive victories in Miami last month over Cuban Martín Rodríguez, then rated by The RING among the ten best feathers, and followed that one with another tenner over Lulu Pérez. The fight showed García at his best. Julián Pérez, 134, won in eight from Armando Baragaño, 135¾. Joaquín Castillo, 133¾, won in six from Cándido González, 136. Marino González, 134¾, won also in 6 from Armando Martinez, 136¾; and Chino Morales, 123½, won in 4 from Gustavo Agüero, 125.

▶Santa Clarez:—Cubá's former lightweight champion, Fernando Silva, was upset in ten rounds by Víctor "Tato" Menéndez, who was in fine form and gets better in every fight. Both men came in inside the lightweight limit.

▶Havana:—Santiago "Sandy" Martínez, 129¼, fought one of his "lazy" fights, and lost a close tenner to Canadian from Miami, Pete Kawala, 126¼.

Huesito (Little bone) González 117½, won in six from Victor Recio, 117¾.

In the semi-final event, Santiago Ramírez, 131 won easily in 8 from Juan Baby Face Medina, 135¼.

Luis Villa, 158 stopped Andrés González. 158½, in 4; and Guillermo Díaz, 147, won in 4 from Vincente Reyes, 148½.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By Billy Colbert

Minneapolis: In the first outdoor fight in Minneapolis, Minn., at the new outdoor Stadium. Joe Schmolze, Minneapolis middleweight, won a decision over Jim Hegerle, St. Paul fights in the ten round main event. This fight drew over ten grand and was a thriller from start to finish. Hegerle had previously won a tko over Schmolze but it was a different story this time. He has improved quite a bit and looks like he is the boy to bring boxing back to the Twin Cities with a bang.

Le Roy Green, 156, Kansas City, decisioned Billy Tyree, 156, Omaha, in the eight round semi windup.

Terry Rindahl, St. Paul, 164, won by a knockout over Benny Mason, 160, Omaha, in 2 rounds of a scheduled six.

Orlando Fitzgerald, Omaha, 197, decision Dale Valeburl, Minneapolis, 195, in four rounds.

Joe Davis, Topeka, decisioned Ted Palzer, St. Paul, 164, in four rounds.

The bout between Jim Hegerle and Joe Schmolze drew close to eleven grand at the box office and was a good turnout between the two fighters who have a large following in the Twin Cities.

TV & BOXING

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World's Heavyweight Championship."

At 3 P. M. the Dempsey-Carpentier fight was broadcast but it had already lost an important first and in TV-Radio ring history gains a niche as the initial world championship bout to be broadcast.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . TV-Radio rights for the Basilio-Saxton world welterweight title bout (ABC-TV) in Syracuse's War Memorial Auditorium went for $75,000 with Syracuse and surrounding cities of Rochester, Utica, Watertown and Binghamton wisely blacked out. . . . The fight grossed $134,939 with 8,546 paying fans.

Their first bout in Chicago saw TV-radio rights sell for $60,000 (ABC-TV) and a local black out imposed, the nearest TV stations carrying the fight being WISN-TV, Milwaukee; WTTV, Bloomington, Ind.; and WBLN-TV Bloomington, Ill. On that occasion, at Chicago Stadium, 12,145 paid a gross of $104,288.

NEW ORLEANS, AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

NEW ORLEANS PROUDLY BOASTED OF ITS THIRD RING CHAMPION when Joe Brown dethroned Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati for the world's lightweight crown in Municipal Auditorium.

Incidentally, it was the first world's championship staged in the Crescent City, at one time referred to as the cradle of boxing, in 39 years—since Pete Herman successfully defended his bantamweight title in 20 rounds on Nov. 5, 1917. Herman had lifted the title from Kid Williams earlier in the year in a close 20 rounder.

Brown also became the second Orleanian to capture the 135-pound bauble. Tony Canzoneri, one of the all-time greats among the lightweights, flattened Al Singer in one round at New York's Madison Square Garden back in 1930.

Nat Fleischer, The Ring Editor, has the detailed story of the fight elsewhere in this issue.

The new champion looked like a man from a battlefield when he appeared Saturday for a second checkup at the office of Dr. L. T. Tyler. His right arm, in a cast, was resting in a white sling. There was a large white plaster over his left brow, where six stitches had been taken, and his right cheek bone, with two stitches, was swollen. Two more stitches had been taken under his left eye.

Promoter J. T. Owen and Matchmaker Bonnie Geigerman staged the show which attracted 7,207 paid customers for a gross gate of $43,900 and a net of $34,646. This, of course, excluded the TV-Radio rights which amounted to $40,000 more.

Smith received the lion's share of $29,758 for his end, while Brown, who received 20 percent of the net gate only, pocketed $6,929. It was the largest pay-checks for both fighters since they entered the professional ring.

In the eight-round semi-final, Tommy Elder, 138½, scored a split decision over Herman Hinton, 135½, Philadelphia. It was the best action fight on the card.

Willie Lee, 176, defeated Edgar James, 179, in the opening four rounder. Ike Stewart, 157½, won over Percy Nero, 160, by a knockout in the third, while Dave Dupas, 131, defeated Leonard Sterling, 134, in four.

▶ The boxing world mourned the loss of one of its most colorful and beloved figures in "Broadway Johnny" Cox, who died Wednesday, August 29, after a lengthy illness in Veterans Hospital in New Orleans.

A contributor on New Orleans boxing to Ring Magazine for years, Cox spent almost the entire 60 years of his life in the boxing game as manager, matchmaker and publicist.

His final illness began fittingly enough at ringside last April as he was working with Johnny Athur, South African heavyweight, in his losing fight against Willie Pastrano. Cox became so ill, he had to leave the Auditorium.

A bachelor, Cox picked up his interest in boxing in his early teens in New Orleans. He carried it with him to the battle fields of France in World War I, where he helped promote recreation programs among the troops. He was wounded by sharpnel early in the war.

Returning to New York, Cox became associated with Eddie Mead, who managed bantamweight champion Joe Lynch and several other top fighters. Cox also worked with Leo P. Flynn as "advance man" for the latter's stable of fighters in New Orleans.

Cox then took over the personal leadership of Farmer Joe Cooper, and gained his greatest managerial fame in helping the rough-and-tumble welterweight to wins over many topnotchers in the 147-pound class. He later managed Harry Weekly, who became Southern light weight champion.

Upon his return to New Orleans, Cox tied up with Promoter Lew Raymond as public relations director, and the two of them brought many outstanding fighters to the Crescent City. Johnny later worked with other local promoters, including Lou Messina. Heard Ragas and Bonnie Geigerman.

"Broadway John" was appointed publicist for the boxing club headed by Blaise D'antoni, which since has folded.

It was ironic that "Broadway Johnny" was buried a few feet from the grave of Mike McCoole in St. Patrick's No. 1 cemetery. McCoole, born in Ireland in the 1800's, later boxed for the heavyweight bare-knuckle championship at St. Louis. He died in New Orleans and buried at St. Patrick's cemetery.

The old guard of boxing will sorely miss "Broadway Johnny" Cox. Fearless to the end, Cox was a real friend to the sport.

▶ James (Pete) Waldron is the new chairman of the La. State Boxing Commission. Waldron was commissioned by Gov. Earl K. Long, replacing Tommy Littleton, who served on the commission since 1940.

Also named to the commission, in an honorary capacity, was Ernie Hessler, Jr., son of the Tenth Ward Old Regular leader. Others were scheduled to be appointed after this has been written.

Littleton, who served under four governors —Sam Jones, Jimmy Davis, Earl K. Long and Bob Kennon—was elected first vice-president of the National Boxing Assn. at its national convention recently at Havana, Cuba.

▶ Charley Joseph, New Orleans middleweight contender, kept his string of unbroken victories in local rings intact when he was credited with a six round knockout over Jesse Turner at the Coliseum arena.

The No. 6 middleweight contender is now anxious to reverse a recent defeat handed him by Neal Rivers at Las Vegas. The Las Vegas fight was close, a split decision.

The outstanding preliminary bout was a four rounder between Alvin Carter, 168, and Willie Lee, 173, Carter took the decision.

In other prelims, an efficient middleweight from Chicago, Jesse Gray, kayoed Lawrence Osbey in the first round of a six rounder; Sammy Davis, 135, stopped Arthur King, 139½, in the first, and Pero Bradley, 158, copped a splitter in six rounds against Johnny Johnston, 162.

▶ THIS 'N THAT—Nat Fleischer, editor of The Ring Magazine, was on hand for the Joe Brown-Wallace (Bud) Smith lightweight title fight in the Auditorium. Nat presented the championship belt to Smith at the weighing-in ceremonies. Fleischer arrived in New Orleans after attending the National Boxing Assn. convention at Havana. . . , The same night Brown whipped Smith, another Orleanian. Willie Pastrano, was scoring an impressive victory at Tacoma, Wash. Pastrano gave Pat McMurtry his first defeat before a large crowd that contributed close to $60,000 for the occasion. . . .

ARIZONA NEWS
By Al Fenn

ARIZONA HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, ZORA FOLLEY, decisioned the California champ, Roger Rischer, in 12 rounds in Phoenix. The fight was billed for the Southwest heavyweight championship, and was held at Proenix Madison Square Garden, after rain caused a one day postponement and the switch from the outdoor arena.

A crowd of some 2,000 saw Folley, 193, stalk Rischer, 187, for openings, and Rischer managed to ride with a few good blows. The Californian rarely opened up and did his best work with a left hook in close-in action. The Oakland champ is good.

Folley won on every card. Referee Jay Edson had it 118-114; Judge Al Bertman had it 119-115; and Judge Mickey Kramer had it 119-112.

In the 6-rounder, crowd pleasing Charley Que, 179, L. A., won a split decision over Charley Black, 176, L. A.; Classy Tony Montano, 160, Phoenix, KO'ed Paul Galloway, 159, Tucson, in the first of a scheduled four rounds. A left hook turned the trick. Collier Cox, 133, Phoenix, won a 4-rounder from Sherman Liggins, 134, Phoenix; and Nathan Ish, 170, Phoenix, outpointed Turkey Thomas, 165, Los Angeles, in four.

▶ JIMMY MARTINEZ, 158, PHOENIX, counterpunched his way to a split decision victory over Kid Zacatecas, 158, Mexico, in 10 at Tucson, with Johnny Gray promoting. In the 6-round semi, Bobcat Terrance outpointed Turkey Thomas, 162. In another 6-rounder, Fred Lewis, a real comer in pro ranks, weighing 175, won over Tucson's Joe Valle with a TKO in 1:30 of the second round.

In the four round bouts, St. Louis Kennedy, St. Louis, whipped Clifford Gray of Tucson (weights unknown) with a TKO in the second and Capp Carter of Davis-Monthan Air Force base and Beacher Dodd, Tucson, had their fight stopped by the referee as a no-contest affair in the third round.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Eric Moolman

WILLIE TOWEEL RETAINED HIS BRITISH EMPIRE and South African lightweight titles before a capacity crowd of nearly 5,000 fans at the Olympia Ice Rink, Johannesburg, when he boxed a 15 round draw with the former champion, Johnny "Smiler" van Rensburg.

This bout was not as good as their previous encounters, as the bout deteriorated through the reluctance of both men to go forward and attack.

▶ On the non-European front Joe Ngidi relieved Gilbert Petros of the national welterweight crown and Peter Moledi became the new bantamweight champion when he defeated Louis Joshua.

▶ Albert Scott, the South African middleweight, won his first British fight when he TKO'd Bunny Garraway of British Guiana in 4 rounds. Likewise, Tommy du Preez won his first British bout when Jack London was disqualified in the third round of an 8 round contest.

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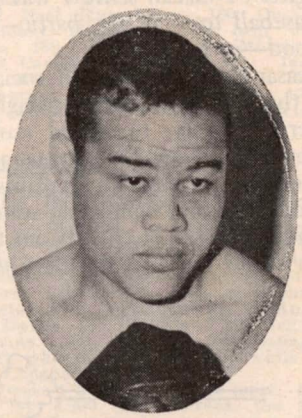

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BERRIOS COMING CHAMP or JUST CLUB FIGHTER?

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into a big time fighter, Jerry knew it required big time know-how to move the little fellow up. After looking around for a suitable man, Lichenstein desided that fatherly Jimmy DeAngelo —who brought Roland LaStarza to the top and got him a title shot against champion Rocky Marciano—should manage Berrios. DeAngelo promptly appointed Mundito Medina, who handled Kid Gavilan for 9 years and is now training Isaac Logart and dependable Izzy Blanc, as trainer of Miguel.

Jerry works in Miguel's corner whenever the featherweight fights.

The latest Puerto Rican sensation, who never smoked or tasted liquor, credits Toothpick Brown as giving him his toughest fight. Berrios doesn't hesitate to admit that his favorite food is the good old Puerto Rican stand-by: Rice and Beans. His pastime: *"I like staying home with my wife and kids,"* he says. *"Look at television. Listen to music—any kind."*

Berrios says that roadwork and boxing help him most in preparing for a fight. Also plenty of sleep and relaxation.

"One of my brothers, Luis, and my sister, Maria, also live in Bronx with their families," smiles Berrios, showing strong white teeth. *"Is good to have relatives near."* Then, after a moment's thought: *"You can write I was pitcher on baseball team of my barrio—neighborhood—in Santurce."*

Pleasant and friendly in social contact, the 23-year-old featherweight contender is a fiery, two-fisted slam-bang fighter in the ring. Fighting is a tough and cruel business, he explains. And in order to win a man must sometimes be unduly rough. He points out that he doesn't fight unfairly, but that he takes advantage of his speedy punching and superior strength.

"When referee giving instruction," adds Miguel, *"he say to protect yourself at all times. Bueno, I do it by punching hard where I could land my best shots. My opponent is privileged to do same."*

No fistic expert will credit Berrios as being an artistic or masterful boxer. But none will deny that he's a good rugged and aggressive fighter.

There is plenty of down-to-earth character in the savage little ringman. He never neglects to send money to tia Providencia—the woman who reared him. He has already started saving money to buy a home for his family.

"I not want to return to Puerto Rico, though always I will love it," Berrios declares. *"When I finish with fighting, I want to going into some business here —I not decided which."*

There are those who insist Miguel Angel Rosa Berrios is on his way to winning the featherweight title. Others say he is no more than a good club fighter.

JOE BROWN—NEW CHAMP

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third time since he broke his hand in the second frame, Brown used his right once, a light tap to the side of the head.

Whether Joey had punched himself out in the fourteenth or the pain brought on by his rally, was responsible for his let up in the final session when everyone in the Auditorium expected to see him flatten his opponent, is something only Brown knows.

When questioned he replied, "I hurt my injured hand very badly in the fourteenth but I still would have used it if I had seen an opening. I held back to save it from further breakage only because I saw no use in letting it go on a target that wasn't there."

Brown registered his seventh straight triumph and his sixty-first victory in 84 bouts when he won his crown.

Smith's best round was the fifth, in which he knocked Brown into a corner and crashed a powerful right to his jaw. Brown's legs buckled and he quickly jumped into a clinch, but following the break he continued tossing lefts to Buddy's face and temporarily halted the sudden advance. But Smith came out for the next round and clearly gained a good margin by repeatedly tossing rights and lefts to body and face.

The seventh was a fairly even affair with Brown shaking up Smith three times. But two hard rights to the stomach by Smith just before the bell had Brown worried.

As the fight advanced, the crowd burst out with shouts of "Fight, Brown" and "Stop running away." But the challenger paid no attention until the referee interceded and warned Joey to fight more. That warning and the stamping of the fans were unnecessary, since Brown was giving his best under adverse conditions.

The eleventh and twelfth found Buddy way out in front. Realizing his predicament, he opened up with both fists and for the first time in the affair, we saw some close infighting.

Had Buddy adopted that plan of attack when he learned of Brown's injury, he very likely would have retained his crown. He won the plaudits of the fans. But the biggest ovation was saved for Brown. He was the winner, the new champion.

THEY CALLED HIM "THE PHANTOM"

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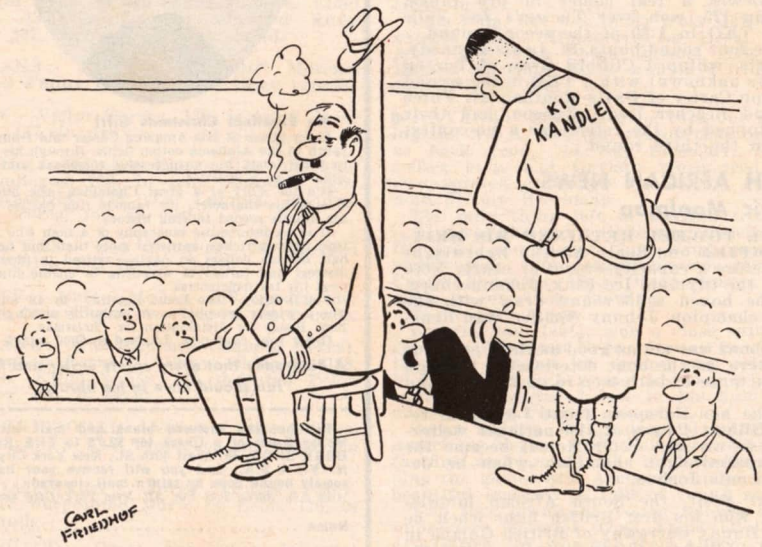
was ring rusty after two years away from competition. Whatever the real reason, it was generally agreed by the disgusted public and press that calling the affair a draw would have been giving both principals more than they deserved.

Following his retirement from the ring late in 1922, Gibbons went into business in his native St. Paul, but continued to take an active interest in boxing. He helped condition his younger brother Tom for the latter's heavyweight title match with Jack Dempsey in Shelby, Mont., in 1923, and subsequently devoted much of his time to encouraging and instructing local kids in boxing. His own son, Jack, shaped up as a likely middleweight for a while—he whipped Tony Zale in Chicago in 1934—but failed to realize on his early possibilities and quit the ring. In recent years, Mike had served as a member of the Minnesota State Athletic Commission, in charge of the St. Paul district.



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IN "PACIFIC N. W." RINGS
By R. D. Casey

THE SUMMER SEASON HERE CLOSED WITH THREE BALL PARK shows and the fall season promises to be a busy one. The Boxing Game has made another spectacular comeback in the tall pine country.

▶KENNEWICK, WASH., Harry Kid Matthews, 181, Seattle veteran launched his latest comeback attempt with a workmanlike kayo of Idaho's champ Harley Breshears, 181, Parma Idaho in four rounds. A near capacity crowd of 3000 filled the local ball park in this small town of Kennewick and put approximately $6500 into the till. Tex Hager promoted.

Portland's middleweight Kel Wayne was held to a draw by Ron Milne, Billings, Montana, over the eight round route. Bill Miller, Seattle's hard punching middleweight prospect, stretched Jimmy Fletcher Seattle in two. Burt Singer, Portland's lightweight prospect kayo'd Kenny Anderson, Edmonton, Canada also in two.

▶PORTLAND—Redding, Calif.'s heavyweight contender Eddie Machen, 192½, again showed N. W. fans a deadly exhibition of punching power and class as he demolished the rugged Wash. D. C. veteran Walter Hafer, 211, in four action filled rounds. Hafer never quit trying but Machen had too much. The show attracted 2239 fans who paid $6786 at the gate.

Portland's heavyweight prospect Amos Lincoln had an easy time of it, posted a four round TKO over George Woods, L. A. trial horse. (After the bout the boxing commission fined Woods $50. for not trying). Tommy Thomas, highly touted Rose City prospect, won handily from Jimmy McCoy over the ten round route. Thomas decked McCoy twice. In the Bill Miller-Buzz Brown bout Referee Ralph Gruman disqualified Brown for not trying.

▶TACOMA'S LINCOLN BOWL:—Irish Pat McMurtry, 178½, made his bid for a ranking position in the heavyweight division and fell just short as speedy Willie Pastrano, 186, New Orleans, boxed his way to a unanimous but close ten round decision. McMurtry rocked Pastrano hard in the second round and hurt him again in the seventh but couldn't get over the clincher. He also made the mistake of trying to outbox the New Orleans speed merchant in the middle rounds, all of which Pastrano won. At 178½ McMurtry was some seven pounds under his best fighting weight and appeared overtrained and over-anxious against his first ranking opponent.

The two judges scored it 99-96, 98-94, and the referee had it 96-95. A near capacity crowd paid $56,240 into the box office and this just about establishes Tacoma's Paavo Ketonen as the Northwest's top promoter.

Portland heavyweight Amos Lincoln scored a tko over game but outclassed Babe Hunt in seven. Kel Wayne, 162, Portland, decisioned Tommy Berg, 155, Seattle in six. Lou Joseph, 153, Seattle, got the nod over Carlton Lincoln, 162, Portland, in six cantos. Ernie Davis, 135, Seattle, won from YoYo Lewis, 137, Seattle, in another sixer, while the curtain raiser saw Gus Cuevas, McChord Field fly boy, stop Ray Pete of Tacoma in four of a lightweight encounter.

▶SEATTLE'S SICK STADIUM:—Harry Kid Matthews, 182, Seattle veteran, won from Cincinnati's Ezzard Charles, 200, in ten. Matthews floored Charles in the first and for three rounds he looked like the Matthews of old, then Father Time took over and both fighters looked all of their sixty odd collective years as the fight drew to a close. A crowd of 5403 fans paid $24,674 to see promoter Jack Hurley's show.

Dick Lane, 158, the Billings, Mont., cowboy posted one of his best wins to date as he waded into the deadly punching Seattle boy Jaycee Johnson, 155, and scored a two round knockout in a hard socking duel. Lane looked very good. Ernie Davis, 137, Seattle, drew with Burt Singer, 138, Portland, in six. Bill Miller, 149¾, Seattle, won in six from Tommy Berg, 154, Seattle. Garvan Sawyer, 188, Cincinnatti, had a soft touch in Terry Jackson, 200 Seattle, whom he stretched in one of the walkout bout.

▶Portland, Eddie Machen, the Ring's number six heavyweight contender, returned to Portland and punched his way to a one-sided unanimous verdict over Cuban gamester Julio Mederos in ten rounds. Machen, 193, of Redding, Calif., won easily as he stunned Mederos, 200, a number of times but could not bring the big boy down. Julio tried to make a fight of it, but was outclassed by Eddie.

For Machen it was the second win over Mederos and seventeenth straight as a pro.

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
By Thomas V. Deugau

JOHNNY SALKELD, 143, CALGARY, WON A UNANIMOUS DECISION in 12 rounds over AL MAROTTI, 142, EDMONTON to become the new Canadian Welterweight Champion, on Thursday, August 30, 1956.

The full 12 rounds were action-packed with Salkeld forcing the fight after the first round. Marotti appeared to be rusty due to a long lay off.

The under-card provided plenty of top notch boxing action that Alberta fans expect. LEE FLAMOND, 152, EDMONTON won a split decision over JACKIE ANDERSON, 147, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., in an 8 round semi-final. FRANKIE LYCAN, 142, EDMONTON soundly trounced FRENCHY GERMAINE, 136, EDMONTON, in four rounds to take a UD.

KENNY ANDERSON, 152, EDMONTON KO'D BILLY HAYES, 147, CALGARY, at 1:55 of the second round in their scheduled four rounder.

HAROLD DEMCHUK, 136, EDMONTON won a split decision from JERSEY JOE EDWARDS, 126, CALGARY IN A THIRD FOUR ROUNDER.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN WITH PINKY MITCHELL
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A PAIR OF BOUTS, SCHEDULED FOR EIGHT rounds as the feature events of the South Side Boxing Club's first fight card at the State Fair Park Coliseum ended in knockouts.

In the top feature Johnny Nicholas, 129½, Milwaukee and Pete Kawulla, 128¾, Winnipeg, Canada, bumped heads and the Milwaukee lad reecived a badly cut eye. The boxing commission physician examined the eye and stopped the bout. It was a fast, even bout up to the time of the accident in the 5th round. The record book will show it as a 6th round TKO.

In the other feature, George Johnson, 157½, Philadelphia, knocked out Ernest Burford, 149, Memphis, in 1:44 of the 1st round.

Other bouts follow:

George Jarosch, 170, West Allis, won unanimous decision over Albert Trimble, 178¼, Chicago, in 6.

Norman Johnson, 137, Milwaukee, won split decision over Virgil Williams, 145¾, Toledo, Ohio, in 6.

Chepus Thompson, 136¼, Chicago, scored TKO over Ed Krenzelok, 133, Hartford, in 4.

Leroy Allen, 147, Milwaukee, scored TKO over Gene Brubaker, South Bend, Ind., in 4.

▶State boxing fans mourned the death by drowning of a former state middleweight champion Jimmy Pierce while fishing in Oconomowoc Lake. Jimmie and a friend were fishing at night and persons on shore heard their screams. On arrival rescuers found only an overturned boat. What mystifies his friends was the fact that Pierce was known as a very good swimmer.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

PITTSBURGH PROMOTER BENNY ANOLIK MOVED HIS OPERATIONS to the city of Steubenville (Ohio), on August 11, where he presented a terrific seven bout card that kept the 2,000 fans on their feet most of the evening.

In the top tilt, Wilf Greaves, 156, who boxes under the Jake (Faint) Mintz banner, slammed his way to a seven round TKO over Jimmy Saunders, 152, Warren, Ohio vet. The scrap was action packed all the way, with the "Canadian Clipper" having just a bit too much of everything for the fading Saunders.

In a sixer, Don Alderson, 147, Pittsburgh, another Mintz entry, defeated Norman Tucker, 148.

Waymon Dawson, 136, Youngstown, who is handled by Billy Conn, stopped Bobby Penn, 138, Pittsburgh (1).

In one of the wildest brawls even seen in this part of the country, Johnny Morris, 158, Pittsburgh, eked out a close win over hometown rival Howard "Skippy" Green, 158. This was a real Donnybrook, with both boys unleashing their heaviest artillery from the opening stanza. Green, a lethal punching middle who is handled by likeable Lou Caponi, was down twice in the fight, as was his opponent.

In other bouts: Walt Ingram, Weirton, W. Va., 124, edged Tony Christy, Pittsburgh, 124, (4); Jimmy O'Connell, 180, Steubenville kayoed Joe Allman, 180, Pittsburgh (1).

▶Two other local clubs will possibly be operating in the Steel City during the winter months. Joe Barone, former local featherweight, has been issued a small club license by the Penna. Athletic Commission, and will get things underway this month. There is a rumor that Hymie Schwartz, Pittsburgh auto dealer and former fight manager, has his bid in for a license. With Benny Anolik already active, this will mark the first time in many years that three clubs will be on hand to serve the fistic faithful of this area.

▶The news just reached this desk of the accidental death of Walter Ketchel in Detroit. Ketchel, a former Pittsburgh lightheavy of the '30's, managed by "Pa" Stribling, had been residing in the Motor City for the past six years. He was fatally injured in an auto accident.

▶Steubenville—Johnny Harper, 199, Steubenville, beat Art Maroyga, 214, Youngstown, (8).

Wayman Dawson, 136, Youngstown, stopped Noel Humphreys, 130, Charleston, (7). Henry Hickman, 136, beat Jo nny Bridges, 138, (4). Johnny Morris, 160, stopped Carlos Venom, 162, (2). Jack La Quatra, 160½, beat Charley Walker, 160, (4). Walt Ingram, 123, beat Billy Parker, 134, (4). Jimmy O'Connell, 182, beat Jesse Williams, 178, (4).

ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA
By Bill McIntyre

MONROE—Clarence Cook's middleweight ambitions were given a big lift when the St. Louis jabber hammered out a unanimous decision over veteran Jimmy Martinez of Glendale, Ariz. Martinez, a busy workman who has beaten such standouts as Al Andrews, Bobby Dykes, Joe Miceli and Charley Salas, went in as a substitute for Del Flanagan of St. Paul, who injured an elbow while training in Chcago.

Cook wasn't bothered in the least. Solidly backed by 4,200 live viewers, the former resident of Bastrop, La. snapped a ripping left jab into Martinez' features all through the 10 rounds to win in a walk.

▶AROUND AND ABOUT—Clarence Cook, North Louisiana's sensational middleweight, meets Del Flanagan of St. Paul at Monroe on Sept. 17th . . . An outdoor fight, featuring J. D. Marshall against either Ted Donald of New Orleans or James J. Cartwright of Dallas, is scheduled for Shreveport, on Sept. 13th . . .

Jimmy Cantrell, veteran Homer, La. heavyweight, is back in local circles after working out of Tampa, Fla. for a spell . . . Owner of a 33-11-4 record, Cantrell is looking for a fight with Tyler's Buddy Turman.

Martinez, whose pro record now reads 85-20-5, weighed in at 158 pounds while Cook scaled in at 154. The fight was held at Legion Memorial Stadium, an outdoor ballpark.

Other results—Johnny McKoin, 142, Bastrop decisioned Al Boudreau, 140, New Orleans in a savage 6-round brawl; Jim Rankin, 126, Shreveport made his professional debut by KO'ing Ruhl Brumley, 128, Oak Grove at 1:34 of the 3rd; Dewayne Garris, 148, Monroe starched John Rinehart, 145, Oak Grove in 1:29 of the 1st; and Billy Dixon, 175, Shreveport decisioned powerful Charles Scott, 179, Mooretown in 4-rounds.

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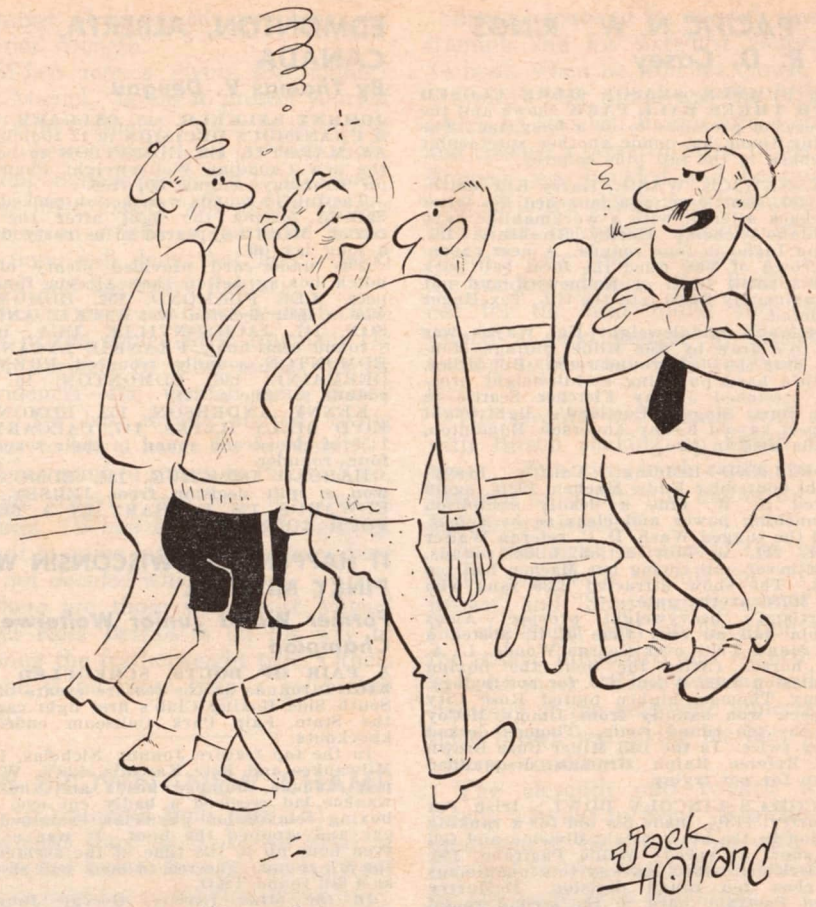

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IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

HENRY (TOOTHPICK) BROWN CAME INTO CHICAGO and scored a fast upset knockout over L. C. Morgan in the first round of a scheduled televised ten round event. Morgan, a heavy favorite to win the bout, was caught with a terrific left hook to the chin rendering him helpless on the canvas for the full count.

In other bouts, George Jaroush, 175, Milwaukee, won a four round decision over Joe Chibe, 174, Chicago. Noel Humpries, kayoed Dick Powell, in the third heat. They are featherweights. Bennie Thomas, Chicago heavyweight, scored a sixth round knockout over Gene White, of St. Paul. Willie Dillon, 143, Chicago, kayoed Don Mason, 142, of Milwaukee, in the 2nd frame.

▶ Spider Webb of Chicago came through in great style at the Chicago Stadium when he outboxed Rory Calhoun, of New York, in a televised ten spot which was a real thriller. Webb, 24 years old, climbed from boxing's masses into the limelight as a result of this victory.

In other bouts, Eddie Simms, 160, Chicago, scored the best win of his short career by knocking out Bill Tate, 163, New York, in the 2nd round of a scheduled six round bout.

This was the 2nd upset of the night. Abe Linear, 157, Chicago, kayoed Allan Nixon, 156, Chicago, in the first round of a four spot. Carlo Sarlo, 143, Chicago, won a ten round decision over Jimmy Ford, 142, Miami, Florida. Sherman Williams, 164, Louisville, Ky., beat Burke Emery, 167, New York, in four rounds. The gross gate was $2,298.50, with close to two thousand fans attending the I.B.C. promotion.

▶ Frank Sagilio doing a great job with welterweight Jerry Mortell. Sam Spadeli is bringing Carlo Sarlo to the front. He had a good win over Jimmy Ford at the Stadium.

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BERMUDA NOTES
By Ron Oatway

RANDY SANDY OF NEW YORK SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED his Bermuda middleweight title against Bobby Rosado of Puerto Rico here on August 18 in one of the weirdest fights ever staged in a Bermuda ring at the Bermuda Tennis Stadium.

Sandy, in at 159½, was announced the winner after he knocked Rosado out after 30 seconds of the eighth round. This announcement came 15 minutes after the KO.

Rosado, 156, went down from a low left hook to the groin and was counted out by Referee Philip Trott. At the count of 10, Rosado's manager, Mike Capriano, bounded into the ring and screamed "foul." Trott apparently accepted the claim and it was announced that Rosado would leave the ring for a few minutes to see whether he would be able to continue. All this happened after Rosado was counted out!

Fifteen minutes after he left, Rosado returned, apparently ready to continue. This time, Syd Martin, Sandy's manager, screamed. He said his boy would not continue because he had already won the fight—by a knockout. After much hurried consultation, officials announced that Trott's original decision—that Sandy was the winner by a KO—would stand.

In the semi-final Roger Harvey, 144½, of Bermuda was much too strong for Danny Taylor, 149½, of New York. Harvey gained a unanimous six-round decision.

In four-round preliminaries: Fred Thomas, 140, decisioned Gary Smith, 136; Art Doers, 131, won over Irvin Raynor, 136; Burton Cox, 133, decisioned Vincent Tuzo, 136.

RESIN DUST FROM INDONESIA
By Filemon G. Salaysay

PROMOTED BY TJAN & BONG COMBINATION—TAN KOK LIEN, (63 Kls.), Surabaya, stopped TIGER HASSAN, (65 Kls.) Singapore, in the fifth round. Hassan was later sent to the CVZ hospital of Surabaya for observation.

In the semi final of ten rounds, KID BELLEL, (62½ Kls.), Surabaya, outpointed JAFFAR, (59 Kls.) of Djakarta in a lively affair.

KID MANOPO (68 Kls.) from Djakarta, was too strong for his lighter opponent, LIANG BIE, (65 Kls.) of Surabaya. The Djakarta Kid kayoed LIANG BIE in the fifth.

Freddie Ramshie (56½) outpointed Liem Siang Twan (53) in six rounds. FATAH, (53) edged B. Coster (53) of Surabaya in four rounds. While SIE TJIOE (49) won over Majid, (49) in four. The gate for the fight was Rupiahs 49,000, which is equivalent to $4,000 USA DOLLARS.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

Roxy Kalo, affable little Italian, a fighter prior to coming up with a bad leg, operates Roxy's Gym and further distinguishes himself by being the trainer of Paul Jorgensen.

The Duke, as he sometimes is called by oldtime friends, shuns publicity. He has done a pretty terrific job of gettin' Paul Jorgensen ready for all his fights—Paul has won 47, lost 4, draw 1.

Kalo is one of the State's most highly regarded boxing figures, and besides being everyone's friend, he is as fine a trainer and corner man as there is in the South.

▶ Tyler, Earl Gilliam, Promoter:—A new Southern heavyweight king was crowned in Tyler. Roy Harris, the great Cut and Shoot, Texas heavy, remained undefeated in 15 pro starts as he experienced no difficulty in banging out a 10 round decision over burly Oscar Pharo of Birmingham, Ala. The ole country boy was at his best, and proved he is ready to step out. Pharo was bleeding badly at the finish. Pharo scaled 195, Harris 185.

Cal Brad, 174, Los Angeles, hammered out a split decision win over Austin's Johnny Hollins, 190, in 8 action packed rounds. It marked the second time that Brad has defeated Hollins via a split decision. J. D. Marshall, 208, Shreveport, La., scored a fifth round kayo over Johnny Mason, 180, Tyler, and tho crude he's a dangerous puncher. Johnny Hunt, 190, Tyler, got the duke over Billy Dickson, 185, while Jim Rankin, Shreveport, stopped Willie Vaughn, Longview, in the second round of a featherweight battle.

▶ Memphis:—The first professional fight card to be held in Memphis in several years was unreeled at the Auditorium. All proceeds went to the Mid-South Association for Retarded Children. The main attraction was the ten round battle between Ernest Burford, 150, Memphis, and Charley Fisher, 152, Chicago. Burford stowed away Fisher in the second round after showing the fans just why he is one of the country's outstanding youngsters.

In the co-ten, Jimmy Muse, Memphis, hammered out a decision over Sanford "Sambo" Barrom, Memphis, in a middleweight contest. The rough-tough Muse is well remembered by Texas fight fans as he campaigned in the Lone Star State back in 1947. Robert Walker, Memphis, defeated James Curry, Jackson, in a four round heavyweight bout. Earl Wilson iced Sammy Granito in the second round of an all Memphis heavyweight match.

▶ Austin, Earl Evans, Promoter:—Promoter Earl Evans got the ball rolling in Austin by staging an all action fight card at the City Coliseum. As the main event participants he paired Eugene Mack, giant heavyweight billed out of Robstown, Texas, and Johnny Hollins, a local product handled by the veteran fight mentor, Lefty Speed.

Mack proved a tremendous fighter, standing 6-3 and scaling 205. His powerful two-fisted punching proved too much for the 190 pound Capitol City flash. He ended hostilities in the third round with a left hand that crashed with a thud on the exposed jaw of Hollins.

Hollins had been upset after the afternoon weighin when he first faced the aforementioned Mack, and stated to friends that he'd seen Mack somewhere before and his name wasn't Eugene Mack, but he couldn't place him. As it turned out, Mack was in reality Cleveland Williams, a topnotch heavyweight out of Tampa, Fla. An investigation begun shortly after the fight turned up the information.

Williams, was AWOL from his Army base at nearby Fort Hood, and was picked up a few days after the fight in Robstown by the Chief of Police. Hollins then recalled where he had seen Williams—it was in New Orleans some four years back when he was kayoed by the same Williams on the Charley Joseph-Jimmy Taylor card.

Gentleman Jim Brewer, 135, Austin, poured a continuous rain of leather on the noggin of Ernesto Sanchez, 137, Corpus Christi, to easily win the eight round semi-windup. Charles Patterson, 139, Austin, tagged Frankie Chacon, 129, Corpus Christi, on the button in the third round and that was all she wrote. Lester Earls, 158, Austin, looked impressive in flattening Harold Young, 150, San Antonio, in the initial round. Willie Roach (Roche), 138, Austin, battled to a draw with Val Garcia, 144, Corpus Christi.

▶ Waco:—Lanky Al McCoy of Longview Journeyed to Waco, and pounded out a ten round decision over experienced Johnny Bullard of Wichita Falls. He gained revenge for the defeat suffered at the hands of Bullard last month. McCoy dropped Bullard in the seventh. Bullard weighed 170, McCoy 168.

In the semi-final, Roger Wiley, veteran Waco fighter, stopped James Williams, Longview, in three rounds. Wiley had too much experience for the Longview scrapper, and carried the heavy artillery. He weighed 170, Williams 175. George "Sugar" King, 152, Pocatello, Idaho, ran into a tartar in promising young Lester Earle, 160, Austin, and had to battle for all he was worth to get a draw.

Actor-singer Frank Sinatra croons words of advise to his portege Compton, Calif., Lightweight contender Cisco Andrade. Frank has always been a fight fan, as his dad Marty O'Brien was a good club fighting bantamweight during World War 1.

Wayne Mimms, 147, Waxahachie, won a unanimous six round decision over J. C. Caldwell, 147, Waco, in a good action bout.

▶ Dallas, Promoter Lew Gray:—One of the largest turnouts of the past several years was on hand at the Dallas Sportatorium, 2,609 cash customers, to see Buddy Turman take on Felix Antonio of Dayton, Ohio.

Turman, former Tyler heavyweight who now hangs his sombrero around Dallas, made one of his best fights. Turman kayoed Antonio in the fifth round to rack up his 10th kayo in 18 pro starts. He has won 16, lost 2.

Turman shot over a whistling right cross to the head in the fifth, and Antonio slowly sank to the canvas where he was counted out. Turman tipped the beam at 180, Antonio at 174.

Ray Riojas, 138, Fort Worth's rock fisted lightweight, slam-banged his way to a ten round semi-final victory over heavier and taller Henry Johnson, 144, Dallas boy who had considerable experience in California rings.

Cal Brad, 172, Los Angeles, was the winner of a unanimous eight round decision over Frank Lawson, 175, Dallas. Brad dropped the aggressive Lawson for eight in the sixth round, but was unable to stow him away for keeps. Ennis Cheatham, 178, decked Sporty Lee, 190, in the opening round, and twice more in the second before Referee Count Curran stopped the fight. Rudy Gonzales, 130, Dallas, won a disputed four round decision over Henry Watson, 134, Dallas, in a whale of a scrap.

▶ Beaumont:—In one of the top action fights of the year, Al Boudreaux, a veteran of some 60 punch for pay battles, and Armando Flores, Houston Mexican, battled each other every minute of every round in one-half of a double eight at Beaumont, with the outcome a draw.

In the co-eight, Ervin Chaline, 140, Lake Charles, La., got it on with colorful Teddy "Red Top" Mosely, 138, Mobile, Ala. In the fourth the hustling redhead unintentionally butted Chaline, opening a deep cut between his eyes. They were just beginning to get started good. The referee stopped the fight as the fourth round ended, and declared the bout a 4 round technical draw.

The prelims, all fours. Harold "Tiger" Redman, 158, Beaumont, was too strong and too aggressive for the taller Arthur Jones, 156, Houston, and hammered out a unanimous victory. Jones was dropped for nine in the third round. Buck Wood, 155, Houston, edged Mundo Morales, 155, Houston, in a rockem-and-sockem type fight that was a real crowd pleaser. Baldwin East, 128, Lake Charles, stopped Elray Chaline, 124, Lake Charles, in the third via the cut eye route. East, a younger brother of Floyd, was engaging in his second pro start. In the opener, Vernon Franks, 142, Houston, and Charley Saenz, 140, Beaumont, fought to a draw. Both making their pro debut.

▶ With the fall season coming on boxing should be better than ever in this part of the country. Lake Charles and Lafayette, Louisiana will turn on the lights to professional boxing by the time this is in ink. Beaumont, Galveston, Port Arthur, Waco, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Tyler, San Antonio, and Houston are a certainty to be running in the Lone Star State. A lot of prelim fighters will be needed, and Houston would be a good spot to make your headquarters. Roxy's Gym is located at 110½ Travis in downtown Houston.

▶ EYEBALLIN' A FEW HAPPENIN'S . . . One of the finest looking young fighters I've seen around in sometime is Irish Johnny McKoin, Bastrop, Louisiana's dynamic punching 140 pounder. A rough-tough kid who asks no quarter and gives none, he just walks in and tries to knock your brains out. . . . Hats off to Earl Gilliam, genial Tyler fistic impresario, who has done such a wonderful job of putting Tyler, Texas on the fight map. He comes up with some topnotch bouts like the ones between Buddy Turman-Roy Harris, Harris-Alvin Williams, and Harris-Oscar Pharo. Congrats, Earl, keep up the good work.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

MOST important event of the month was, without a doubt, the announcement that Robert Cohen has retired from boxing. Cohen's absence leaves the bantam line-up much the poorer with Halimi as the only European challenger for World honors and he is in the army. Fred Galiana came unstuck against awkward Bobby Ros and Han Friedrich was poor against José Gonzales while Hans Kalbfell upset Robert Eugène with a knockout. Friedrich could only whip the big Belgian on points.

Sneyers was in sparkling form and quenched the ambitions of the African Tornado, Jules Touan while Caprari dislodged Barbadoro from the feathers throne in Italy. Pedro Klyssen looked very good in stopping tough Marcel Limage in a heavyweight scrimmage.

▶ Rotterdam, Holland—As we briefly reported last month, Wim Snoek came through with a very close points win over the American cruiser, Don Ellis, in ten rounds. Much more impressive was the new Dutch cruiser threat, Pedro Klyssen, who hammered out a first-class victory over the Belgian heavy, Marcel Limage. Although Klyssen is officially Dutch heavyweight champ he is a natural lightheavy. The referee halted the bout in the sixth.

In a third cruiser clash, third-rate Snucky De Bruin lost on points to a young American, Dan Holloway, who was making his debut in European rings. Kayo Zwaan, promising Dutch welter, took such a licking from the tough German, Herbert Sowa, that the fight was stopped in the second round.

▶ Madrid, Spain—The hard-hitting local bantam star, Juan Cardenas, who is rapidly becoming one of the best at his weight on the Continent, stopped Juan Crespo in seven rounds. A week or more previous, Cardenas had disposed of Perez Artero in five.

On the same bill, Carmelo Beraza, now fighting as a welter, scored over Luiz Gonzales in a good eight-rounder and Al Rodri stopped Fernandez in the fourth of a feature debate.

▶ Malaga—Ben Buker II retained his national welter title by pounding the hide off the local battler, José Cisnero, in a bout which went the full twelve rounds. Jose Martinez got the better of Antonio Diaz in a bantam eight. Diaz has not been the same since that Halimi fracas.

▶ Rome—The stiff clouting of Ugo Milan was too much for veteran Renato Denti, who retired in the third round after taking two trips to the canvas in their bantam affair. Rinaldo Scarpetti was too strong for Renato Beccaria, who still managed to last the distance of six rounds in a welter clash.

▶ At Lissone, Ernesto Ballabio won over Walter Cozzani in a welter eight and at Rome, once again Veniero Innocenti drew with Giordanella in a feathers six.

At Imperia, Paolo Scoccimarro was held to a draw by the Algerian, Boukouaci in a good feathers eight while Angelo Idi likewise drew with Mezidi in a middles six.

▶ Marseilles, France—The former feathers prospect, Gracieux Lamerti, who had his little gallop badly checked by Britain's Teddy Peckham last summer, began his comeback in fine style. He tackled the robust Spaniard, Jacinto Santin, and slammed the Corsican to the deck in the third round. Lamperti came right back, however, and felled the Spaniard for three counts and forced his retirement in the seventh.

Mohamed Taibi got the better of Louis Mourros in a middles eight and Frank Youst licked Soriano in a welter eight. Tomissi won over Eugène Spagnol in a lightweight eight.

▶ Hagen, Germany—Since the big guns are laid up for the rest of summer, it does well for us to ponder on the hopefuls who continue to forge ahead. Hans Kalbfell, a most promising heavyweight, who has twice defeated the Belgian champ, Alain Cherville, and who makes progress with every bout, scored his best win to date when he disposed of Robert Eugène, the weighty but light-footed Belgian veteran. In the fourth, Kalbfell caught the Fleming with a ripping left hook which draped him over the ropes and forced him to take a count. Kalbfell pursued his advantage and smashed the helpless visitor around the ring until referee Max Schmeling halted the bout.

Karlheinz Bick, national lightweight champ, won a close affair against the classy Belgian, Louis van Hoeck, over ten rounds, fought at a terrific pace.

Another Belgian, Martin, came through with a most unexpected points win over hard-hitting Herbert Sowa in a rugged middles six and Albert Westphal knocked out the Italian heavy, Renato Podrecca, in the third round of a one-sided bout.

Karlheinz Guder, once more in action after the defeat by Burrow, added to his run of kayo victories by stopping dour Paul Joram in the fifth frame of their welter debate.

In the curtain-raiser, Joe Buck won on points in four rounds over blond Willi Gelhaar in a feathers discussion. A crowd of 5,000 braved uncertain weather to attend the program.

▶ Ferrara, Italy—Carlo Poli came through with a win here over Bardi in a fast lightweight six.

At Forli, Widmer Milandri surprised the public by obtaining the decision, albeit a narrow one, over young Luciano Grego in a cruiser eight. In a previous contest, these two had battled to a draw.

Peo Cicognani blasted out his foe, Franco Strada, with a perfect one-two which laid his opponent cold within 25 seconds of the opening round. This was Strada's first kayo defeat in the flyweight ranks. Capra licked Bollato in a welter eight.

▶ Melilla, Spanish Morocco—The visiting German middleweight, Heinz Sattler, still undefeated in six fights here, came through with a good win over experienced Luis Sierra in a return bout.

A week later, the hardy Teuton battled his way to a draw with the ex-champion of Spain, Victoriano Olivares, no superman but a southpaw with an awkward style. Both fights were over eight rounds.

▶ Abidjan, Ivory Coast—The Belgian Angel, Jean Sneyers, proved that he is still well worth his high ranking by turning in a splendid performance against the local Sable Slasher. Jules Touan, who had been the terror of French feathers. For four or five rounds, Sneyers had his work cut out to survive but in the fifth he began to get the upper hand thanks to dexterous footwork and timing. Finally, it was all Sneyers.

Francois Anewy, who hails from the distant colony of New Caledonia, did extremely well to obtain a draw with classy Andre Drille in an excellent middles ten, while young Emile Jadis, latest local hope, hit the limelight by stopping Morlay Kamara, the Senegalese lightie, in the third round. This is the first time that Kamara, after lengthy campaigns across Europe, had been stopped before the limit. In a cruiser clash, Maiga Alassane checked Amarah Soumah in the fifth.

▶ Ancona, Italy—Mafaldo Rinaldi upset Carlo Poli by whipping the latter in a good lightweight eight here.

At Tronzano, Palazollo was held to a draw by Nosenzo in a feathers six.

▶ Essen, Germany—The German heavyweight hope, Hans Friedrich, who has been able to whip Franco Cavicchi and Rex Layne, among others, is also capable of very poor performances. Against the Spanish champion, José Gonzales, big Hans was not too impressive and scuffled and cuffed his way to a tepid points win after ten rounds.

Erwin Hack was too good for Günther Huber and forced the trial-horse to retire in the sixth round of a cruiser affair owing to eye trouble.

Towering Hans Brendemühl could do no better than share honors with Horst Herold in a heavyweight eight and Herbert Soodmann won clearly enough over Gerhard Moll in a middles six.

Hanspeter Drabes punched too hard for Lemm and won this heavyweight scramble over six rounds.

▶ Auxi-le-Chateau, France—Leon Maret, the lightweight champion of Flanders, offered a return bout to René Brunet, from whom he had previously filched the crown. History repeated itself on this occasion and after ten hard rounds, Maret was declared winner and still champion.

At Lezignan, the promising local heavy, Emile Vidal, dropped Alex Céremonia to the

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

Month Ending September 18, 1956

HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Hans Friedrich (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Valere Benedetto (F)
3. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Franco Festucci (I)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
4. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	William Besmanoff (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Wim Snoek (H)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Jacques Prigent (F)
6. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Idrissa Dione (F)
7. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
8. Antonio Crosia (I)	Pedro Klyssen (H)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Gunter Hase (G)
9. Marcel Limage (B)	Aless. D'Ottavio (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
10. Emile Vidal (F)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Louis Trochon (F)	Siegfried Burrow (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)	Fred Galiana (S)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Jean Renard (B)	Robert Pollazon (F)
4. Laouri Godih (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Guy Schatt (F)
5. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Henri Schmid (F)
6. Mario Vecchiato (I)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Robert Mouginot (F)
7. Louis Carrara (F)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Piero Rollo (I)	Jose Ogazon (S)
8. Bobby Ros (S)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Roger Cappato (F)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
10. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Roberto Spina (I)	Gius. Gaviano (I)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

canvas several times and the ref called a halt in the third round. Vidal is a promising scrapper.

▶ Barcelona, Spain—It's tough for a fighter when there's another guy around with the Indian Sign on him. Remember how Jack Dempsey couldn't get past Willie Meehan? How Tommy Farr couldn't shake Eddie Phillips? Examples are plentiful.

Well, if Fred Galiana is a big shot around Europe and holds the European title—that doesn't mean to say he's top dog in Spain. There are two native sons who've got his measure, Jose Hernandez and Bobby Ros, and they both hold decisions over him.

Following the Loi defeat, Galiana took a rest and picked on Bobby Ros for a try-out. It was a bad mistake, for Bobby took the champ for a walk and won in a non-title bout. Both men were inside the lightweight limit. Juan Cardenas continued his march to the top with a convincing win over the French bantam, Pierre Stanzack, who was taken out of action during the seventh round.

▶ Civitacastellana, Italy—The name's rather a mouthful but a champ lives there now. Local boy Sergio Caprari got his first chance at the title and made good by stopping the champ, Nello Barbadoro, who was unable to answer the call for the sixth round. Caprari thus brings much-needed new blood into the Italian featherweight line-up. For a long time the title has been disputed by the same bunch, Polidori, Barbadoro, Pravisani and Cerasani.

The new king-pin is 24 and nearly won the Olympic title in Helsinki, getting whipped in the finals by Zachara of Poland. Most of his bouts have been disputed in his home town and top-notchers have avoided him regularly. This was his 26th fight and he still boasts an unbeaten record as a professional.

▶ Dieppe, France—The local lightweight, Marcel Signet, became the new champion of Normandy by defeating the holder, Louis Rosée, over ten rounds. Marcel Hallier got the better of André Hobey in a feathers eight.

▶ Madrid, Spain—The European flyweight champ, who has been carefully avoiding his No. 1 challenger on the Continent, Aristide Pozzali, scored a debatable points win over the Franco-Pole, Stan Sobolak, in a ten round fight at the Bull-Ring. Manolo Garcia obliged another Frenchman, André Younsi, to retire in the eight round of a feathers bout.

▶ Oldenburg, Germany—For the first time in two years a program was held here, a crowd of 3,500 spectators filling the Weser-Ems Hall. Topping the bill was the title-defense of Günther Hase, 146, against Werner Handke, 145, which ended with Hase dropping his challenger for the full count in the fifth. It had been a very close affair until the decisive punch.

Rudi Langer, the feathers champ, came in well inside the lightweight limit against the Belgian, Georges Devos, and boxed his way to a brilliant points victory over ten rounds.

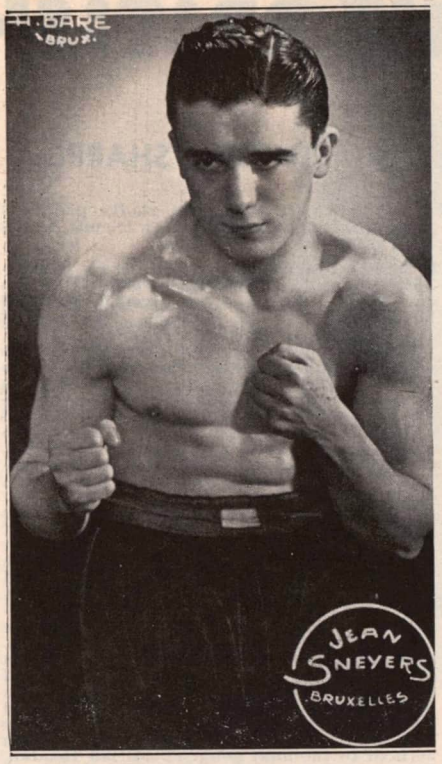
Belgians provided opposition for the remaining bouts. In a heavyweight slam, powerful Gerd Rode, 204, punched it out with the very game ex-amateur star, Louis De Bolster, 230, and finally knocked the Fleming out in the eighth and last round. Wenzel Bociek was too strong for cagey Emile Degreef and crushed the visitor in the fourth frame of a cruiser clash while Manfred Neuke stopped Marcel Scherens at the end of the second session of a lightie larrup with a badly cut eye. Max Schmeling did the honors as third man.

▶ Istanbul, Turkey—For the third time, Idrissa Dione tangled with the local welter champion, Garbis Zakayran and once more demonstrated his superiority over the Turk. After ten close rounds the decision went to the ex-European champion.

▶ Marseilles, France—The Bull of the Comargue, Louis Trochon, who is being built up as a prospective challenger to Humez and Ballarin, tackled the second series Italian middle, Angelo Brisci. The visitor butted Trochon's eye open in the second round and used his head frequently in the succeeding rounds. But at the end of ten rounds there was only one winner—Trochon. Rabah Dekhyl, the North African welter, knocked out Grach in the second round and Robert Crippa trounced Camille Allasseux in a flyweight eight.

At Cannes, Charles Smeraldi of Monaco scored his fourth straight win by flattening the Spanish feather, Rodriguez, in two rounds.

▶ Lisbon, Portugal—The leading Portuguese welter since the retirement of Raphael Da Sylva, Chico Santos, came through with another victory here by defeating the French trial-horse, Gilbert Ussin, over ten rounds.



Jean Sneyers, former European featherweight champion, turned in a splendid performance against Jules Touan, the terror of the French feathers, at Abidjan, Ivory Coast, recently.

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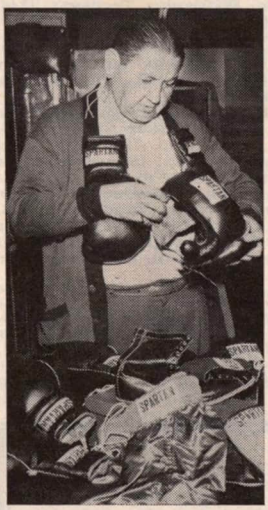

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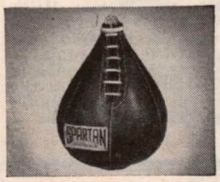

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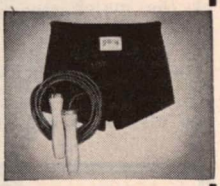

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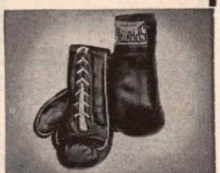

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

WITH the new season about to get under way, it seems a good idea to have a look see at the situation in the British boxing world. Well, first of all the crippling entertainment tax has hit hard at the sport, with the result that many promotions have ceased to exist, and those that are going ahead in the 1956-57 season are on precarious ground indeed.

Secondly, the shortage of real talent hasn't helped the box office any. All-in-all, therefore, prospects for a good future look pretty dim indeed.

Looking at it talentwise, division by division, it is obvious that real box office drawing cards are conspicuous only by their absence.

In the heavyweight division, with Don Cockell having wisely hung up his gloves, and Jack Gardner arguing it out with the Board of Control for reinstatement, the only bright spot on the horizon is the handful of younger men. Dick Richardson, Joe Erskine, Henry Cooper, Joe Bygraves, Brian London, and elder statesman Johnny Williams seem to be about the best around. There's also Kitione Lave, and several lesser lights, but it will fall upon Erskine and Richardson and Cooper I think, to provide the big thrills.

On to the lightheavyweight ranks . . . and there it is a sad picture. British Champion Ron Barton had a bad year and unless something miraculous happens doesn't look to win higher laurels in the new season. Randolph Turpin is still battling, but as a spent force, while there are no new faces around.

In the middleweight division, Pat McAteer, now in the United States, is due to defend his title against London's Lew Lazar. This match is scheduled for the future, but just when, no one knows.

Newly naturalized Martin Hansen, former Danish middleweight king, recently outpointed Lazar and is a force to be reckoned with. Include Billy Ellaway, Johnny Sullivan (campaigning in the U. S.) and that's about it.

The welterweight group starts with newly crowned champion Peter Waterman, includes ex-lightweight champion Frank Johnson, who made a good start in the welterweight ranks, Bethnal Green's Albert Carroll, South African Abe Vorster, and some lesser lights. Not a very exciting prospect.

The lightweights offer Dave Charnley as the biggest threat to Champion Joe Lucy, while the featherweights have Bobby Neill as the major opposition to Charlie Hill's crown. Spider Kelly is shortly to meet Hill in a return title go, but it is to Neill that the division looks as a future champion.

Peter Keenan reigns in solitary splendor in the bantams, as does Dai Dower among the flyweights. And that's about it. If any reader can give me a good and exciting reason to show more enthusiasm I'll gladly print his views, but at the moment dear friends, that's how I see it.

▶ MAINDY STADIUM, CARDIFF—22-year-old Joe Erskine, Cardiff, 195½, won the British Heavyweight Championship when he outpointed Johnny Williams, Wales and Rugby, 198¾, over fifteen rounds.

Erskine, undefeated as a professional, was cool and calm as the bout began and he proceeded to pepper rival Williams with accurate lefts and rights. Williams, the older of the two men, tried hard but was never really in the running although he did manage to severely gash both of Erskine's eyebrows, and the latter was forced to defensive tactics to keep those injured parts away from Williams' punches.

As the bout progressed it became obvious that Williams had little or no chance of winning and when the final bell sounded it was Williams who raised Erskine's arm as winner before Referee Andrew Smyth could make his formal announcement. Erskine's eyebrows were stitched and it was announced after the contest that it would be some time before he was able to box again.

Willie Lloyd, Crickhowell, 133, scored a brilliant upset victory when he outpointed Dave Charnley, Dartford, 132½, over ten never flagging rounds. Lloyd soon discovered how to cope with Charnley's southpaw stance and ran up a commanding points lead which he held to the final gong. . . . Brian London, Blackpool, 194, knocked out Trevor Snell, Cardiff, 185¾, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Jack London, Blackpool, 171¾, outpointed Noel Trigg, Newport, 169, over eight. . . . Len "Luggie" Reece, Cardiff, 112, outpointed Malcolm McLeod, 111, over eight rounds. . . . Rees Moore, Luton, 147, outpointed Eddie Williams, Tredegar, 146, over twelve rounds.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM — Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 136, was a lucky points winner over Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 139. The decision met with boos and catcalls.

Dai Merchant, Pontypridd, 124½, and Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123½, drew over six rounds. . . . Alan Hands, Blackpool, 191, outpointed Tommy Cummings, Eire, 185, over four rounds. . . . Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 146, outpointed Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 146, over four. . . . Johnny Hernon, Manchester, 113, outpointed Lew Devro, Liverpool, 112, over four. . . . Johnny Hunt, Leigh, 169, outscored Tommy Summers, Liverpool, 173, over four rounds.

▶ WEST HARTLEPOOL — Former lightweight champion Frank Johnson, Manchester, 147, made a winning debut as a welterweight, when he stopped Jimmy Croll, Scottish Welterweight Champion, 148¼, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder. Johnson revealed all his old cleverness and punching power and punished Croll severely before the referee halted the bout. . . . Manuel Burgo, North Shields, 194, stopped George Nuttall, Stockport, 196, in the fourth. . . . Arthur Donnachie, Glasgow, 132, knocked out Derek Clarke, Burnley, 136, in the second. . . . David Croll, Dundee, 127½, outpointed Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 128, over six rounds. . . . Peter Billingham, Manchester, 126, stopped Eric Grieves, Middlesborough, 122, in the second round.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM—British and Empire Middleweight Champion Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, certainly knew he had been in a fight before he was awarded the decision over Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, in a most exciting ten rounder.

McAteer, to his great surprise, was dumped on the canvas for a long count in the opening round, and although he survived to win the day, it must have been an anxious moment indeed for the Birkenhead battler.

At the end of the contest, fought at great speed throughout, referee Fred Blakeborough made the mistake of raising Ellaway's hand in victory. He soon realized his mistake however, for Ellaway was in McAteer's corner at the time, and delivered the correct verdict . . . McAteer on points.

Albert Scott, South Africa, 163, stopped Bonny Garraway, British Guiana, 159, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. The referee halted the bout to save Garraway further unnecessary punishment. . . . Gerry McStravick, Belfast, 143½, outpointed Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 144, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Hunt, Wigan, 173, and Danny Wall, Wembley, 171, drew over four rounds. . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 147, outpointed John Charles, Coventry, 147, over four rounds.

▶ JERSEY, Channel Islands—Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 176, outpointed Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 175½, in an all action eight rounder. . . . Derek John, Catford, 131, and Roy Akwai, Gold Coast, 138, drew in a disappointing eight rounder. . . . Alan Branquet, Guernsey, 121, stopped Bob Hope, Ireland, 126, in the second, when Hope received a gashed eyebrow. . . . Norman Veron, Guernsey, 138, knocked out Johnny Lomey, Euston, 138, in the second. . . . Arnim Cumberbatch, Trinidad, 158, stopped Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 154, in the third, while Johnny Veron, Guernsey, 168, knocked out Jackie Abbott, Huddersfield, 169, in the first round.

▶ WEST HARTLEPOOL — John Smillie, Scotland, 118, scored a narrow points win over Jimmy Carson, Ireland, 119½, in a scorching eight rounder. . . . Tommy du Preez, South Africa, 174½, won from Jack London, West Hartlepool, 173, when the latter was disqualified in the third of a scheduled eight rounder for an alleged low blow. . . . Terry Cullen, Shotton, 144, took ten long counts before the referee halted his contest with Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 140, in the fourth. . . . Johnny Ewart, Carlisle, 181, was outpointed by Chris Rock, Choppington, 178, over four rounds. . . . Jack Vickers, Middlesborough, 148½, retired in the first of a scheduled six rounder against Bob Roberts, Liverpool, 144, with a leg injury.

▶ BELFAST—Johnny McNally, Belfast, 133¾, knocked out Tony Russell, Leeds, 127¾, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Dennis Yearby, Leeds, 148½, knocked out Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 150, in the second. . . . Ronnie Currie, Belfast, 120½, outpointed Dave Moore, Belfast, 115½, over eight rounds. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 136¼, stopped Billy Graham, Lisburn, 131½, in the sixth. . . . Alex McCready, Conlig, 123½, stopped Joe Nesbitt, Belfast, 121¾, in the third.

▶ BELFAST—Al Sharpe, Belfast, 137, stopped Kurt Ernest, Exeter, 140, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder. The Exeter lad took heavy punishment and showed great courage, but was wise in retiring when his eyes were extremely swollen. . . . Teddy Barker, Swindon, 130, stopped Jim Fisher, Belfast, 135½, in the sixth of a scheduled eight rounder when Fisher had suffered a badly gashed eyebrow.

Pat Price, Newry, 142½, stopped Danny Larty, Gold Coast, 147¾, in the fourth. . . . Billy Skelly, Belfast, 127¼, knocked out Dave Walsh, Belfast, 129¾, in the third of

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO SEPTEMBER 24, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. James J. Parker (C)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	Darby Brown (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	George Barnes (A)
3. Johnny Williams (W)	Alex Buxton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
4. Joe Bygraves (J)	Arthur Howard (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
5. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Yama Bahama (B)	Peter Waterman (E)
6. Kitione Lave (To)	Ron Barton (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
7. Dick Richardson (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Lew Lazar (E)	Peter King (E)
8. Allan Williams (A)	Joveci Bau (F)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Benny Nieuenhuizen (SA)
9. Ken Brady (A)	Richard Marcos (A)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Albert Carroll (E)
10. Brian London (E)	Albert Finch (E)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Gilbert Patros (SA)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Kevin James (A)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
3. Willie Toweel (SA)	Charlie Hill (S)	John Smillie (S)	Dick Currie (S)
4. John v. Rensberg (SA)	Billy Kelly (I)	George Dormer (E)	Frank Bennett (A)
5. Joe Lucy (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Graham v.d. Walt (SA)	Frank Jones (S)
6. Armand Savoie (C)	Matt Fulton (S)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Pat Supple (C)
7. Boswell St. Louis (T)	Bobby Neill (S)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
8. Willie Lloyd (W)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
9. Jason Radebe (WA)	Charlie Tucker (E)	George O'Neill (I)	Ezekial Shole (SA)
10. Dave Charnley (E)	Roy Jacobs (WA)	Peter Moledi (SA)	Young Ado (WA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Alex McCready, Conlig, 123, knocked out Brian Doherty, Belfast, 123¾, in the first.

▶ LIVERPOOL—Tommy Molloy, Liverpool, 144½, kept his unbeaten record intact with an easy points victory over Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 145, after eight interesting rounds. . . . Alan Hands, Blackpool, 196, outpointed Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 190½, over six rounds. . . . Tommy Mason, Liverpool, 138, outpointed Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 137, over six. . . . Johnny Charles, Coventry, 147, outpointed Brian Petherwick, Preston, 148, over four.

Frankie Kelly, Liverpool, 122½, stopped Harry Hunter, Belfast, 121½, in the second round. . . . Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 130, and Peter Billingham, Manchester, 130, fought an inconclusive six rounder which went to Billingham by the narrowest of margins.

▶ LIVERPOOL STADIUM — Artie Towne, New York, 165½, won a half hearted scrambling ten rounder against Sammy Langford, Nigeria, 173. The bout never came anywhere near what the fans were hoping for, and boos and catcalls greeted the efforts of the two fighters who produced a dull, monotonous bout.

Darkie Hughes, Cardiff, 138, outpointed Syd Greb, Liverpool, 137½, over eight rounds. . . . Dai Merchant Cardiff, 124, was knocked out in the second of a scheduled eight rounder by Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123½. . . . Tommy Summers, Liverpool, 168, outpointed Jackie Scott, Preston, 167, over four rounds.

Johnny Rush, Cardiff, 137, and Bob Roberts, Birkenhead, 139½, fought hard for four rounds before Roberts got the nod. . . . Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 143½, outpointed Tommy Barnabas, Holywell, 146, over four rounds.

▶ BELFAST—George Lavery, Belfast, 163½, outpointed Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 165½, over eight rugged rounds. . . . Paddy Slavin, Irish Heavyweight Champion, 198½, was soundly outpointed by Cliff Purnell, Bath, 194, over eight rounds. . . . Billy Skelly, Belfast, 127½, outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 128, over eight rounds.

Jim Osborne, Belfast, 114, stopped Joe Anderson, Belfast, 111½, in the fourth. . . . Jim Fane, Belfast, 138, knocked out Jim McFadden, Belfast, 142½, in the first.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

THE ALMOST DEAD INTEREST IN BOXING in recent months as shown by poor houses in recent months, has been revived to such an extent that over 13,000 fans attended Sydney Stadium to see GEORGE BARNES, Australian and Empire welterweight champion, defend his titles against his leading Aussie contender, DARBY BROWN. And the fight itself warranted the large attendance, with action from first bell to last, and class boxing and fighting from both boys. Despite the fact that both boxers carry K.O. wallops, there were no knockdowns in the whole 15 rounds, but that did not detract from the calibre nor the excitement.

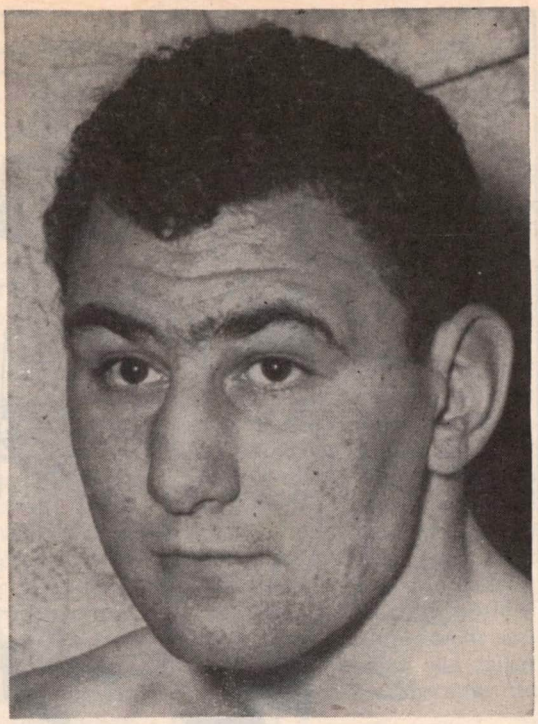
At the end of the 14th round, it was anybody's fight. Most of the fans thought that the winner of the last round would get the verdict. Well, as I saw it, Barnes won the last round, but Vic Patrick gave the verdict to Brown. My scorecard showed Barnes a point in front, but I would not argue with the referee when a bout is so close.

Vic must have had the verdict close Brown's way. Therefore it seems a pity to take a man's titles in such a close fight. After all, boxing scoring allows for human error, there being no set standards of point scoring as in football, cricket, baseball and all the rest of sports.

▶ **Stadiums Ltd.** brought down some argument when it recognized the fight as being for Barnes' Australian title only. Barnes and Brown agreed to fight for the Australian title only, George's Empire crown not being at stake. After Brown's win, he made no attempt to claim the Empire title, but the Empire Committee has recognized Brown as Empire champion, following his win. The next stage in the drama is the obvious one. The two will meet again next month, with both titles at stake. That will do away with all argument. As I see it, Brown is dual champion at present.

▶ **A new star has arisen in the Australian fistic firmament.** He is CLIVE STEWART, holder of the Queensland middleweight title. Clive has been winning well in his steady climb to the top. Now he has not only consolidated his portion among Australia's middleweights, but he has shown himself to be a definite threat to Billy McDonnell's title by the manner in which he defeated CLARRIE GROGAN at Brisbane Stadium on August 10. After the greatest four rounds of fighting seen in Brisbane for many moons, Stewart knocked out the tough Grogan near the end of the fourth stanza.

Grogan had never before been on the floor nor even looked like being stopped. Stewart, at 19 years of age, could be the answer to the decline in Australian talent over the past couple of years. Right now he is number one contender for Australian title.



Joe Erskine, undefeated 22-year-old Welshman from Cardiff, So. Wales, won the vacant British heavyweight championship recently when he outpointed Johnny Williams over fifteen rounds.

▶ **Clarrie Grogan** had just beaten Italian, LUIGI MALE, easily on points at Sydney Stadium before going in with Stewart, and was in perfect condition.

▶ **Stadiums Ltd.** is interested in bringing to Australia, the New Zealander, BILL BEAZLEY, who recently outpointed the Italian, LUIGI COLUZZI, who has lost only one fight in Australia in 14. Beazley would be an ideal test for Clive Stewart. Beazley outpointed Coluzzi at Wellington, New Zealand.

▶ **Vic Patrick's decision in favour of Australian light-heavy champion,** RICARDO MARCOS, over DON BRONCO JOHNSON at Sydney Stadium on July 23, raised a storm of hooting from the fans. Don did appear to win comfortably. He had Marcos down twice and had him almost out, while Marcos did not trouble Don.

Eleven days after the Marcos fight, JOHNSON fought ROD LITZOW at Brisbane Stadium. It was a wild and wooly fight, with more action in the seven rounds the fight lasted than one usually sees in 12 rounds. Don polished off Litzow to the Queen's taste, the full count being applied.

▶ **Some three months or so ago,** I mentioned young featherweight, Billy Lawrence, as a prospect worth watching. Just want to keep you informed of his progress. Still unbeaten, and on the night of the Johnson-Marcos fight, he outpointed a capable boy in Max Cadman, over eight rounds.

▶ **Queensland Wonder Boy,** Welter, CURLY OSLAND, had another win when he demolished Scotland's DON McTAGGART in five heats at Brisbane Stadium. Osland had a weight advantage of some seven pounds.

▶ **TOMMY SLOAN** won the Victorian State welter title by outpointing JOHNNY COOPER, at Collingwood. The fight was over 15 rounds. Couple of weeks later, Sloan halted KID LEWIS in seven rounds.

Double bill at Sydney Stadium. In the first twelve-rounder, middleweights HARRY CASTLE and CLIVE FRENCH turned in a hard fight, reminiscent of their two previous set-tos. The only difference is that Castle has improved and he cut up French to such an extent that Vic Patrick stopped it in the tenth and crowned Castle.

Welter hitters, BILLY STANLEY and BILL RILEY, fought a dreary battle in the other 12 rounder.

▶ **Double bill at Collingwood.** In one half, JOE DAMIAMI outpointed SNOWY BOYD. They are light-heavies. In the other half, TIM BURNS, weighing in at 157, outpointed NICK FARRELLY, who came in at 142.

▶ **Final result of the month** also comes from Collingwood. Lightweights LOU FRANCIS (making a comeback), and JOHNNY SHORT fought to establish themselves (one or the other) among the rated ten in Australia. Francis won on points.

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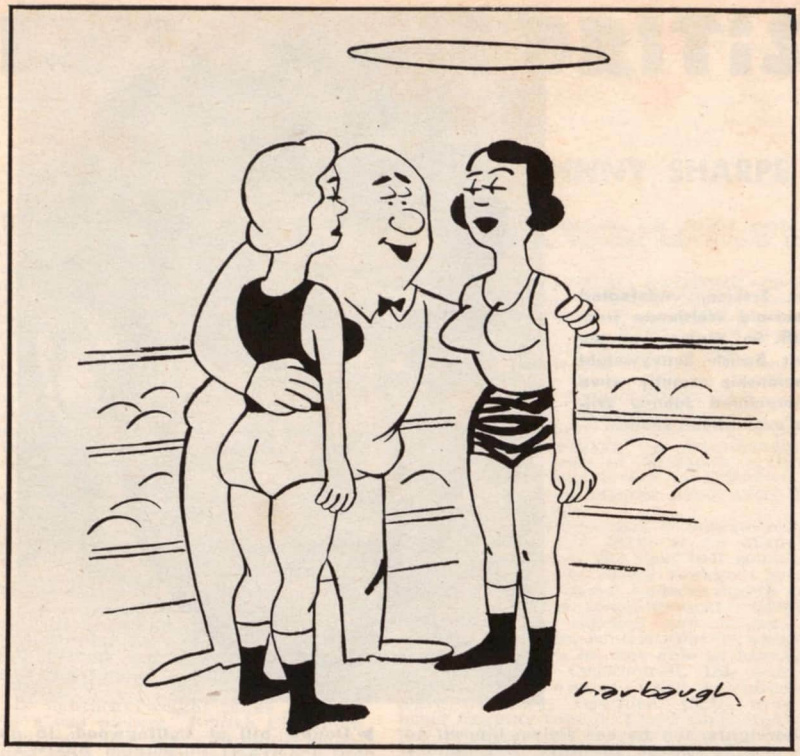

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NEWS OF THE MAT WORLD

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He has a half-brother who wrestles as Billy McDaniels. He and Freddy sometimes wrestle as a tag team and are a terrific combination when they work together. They ran up a long winning streak last year in the Atlanta, Georgia area and were considered by many as the strongest tag team to appear there.

But Freddy has always liked the single bouts best and that's why he and Billy don't wrestle as a team regularly.

One of Freddy's favorite hobbies is horticulture. He used to raise prize roses but hasn't had any time to do this since his wrestling has kept him traveling the last few years. He also likes golf, and good movies. He is married and has three children, two boys and one girl. His weight is 225 and he stands 5 ft., 11 inches tall.

THE WRESTLING WORLD
By Ed Briggs

FORMER World heavyweight champion Lou Thesz returned to California for his second tour in less than six months, to take on Mexico's powerful title threat, likeable Rito Romero at San Diego's Coliseum Arena. The contest proved that the popular Latin junior heavyweight was too light a man to tangle with the veteran St. Louis powerhouse. Thesz was the aggressor throughout the match, which was witnessed by a capacity house. Romero, who has one of the most enviable wrestling records of any modern day grappler, put on a good match and gave the older wrestler a real contest. The two had met previously in Texas arenas, with Thesz emerging the winner. Thesz seems to be the one man to stop Romero from getting a title bout with Whipper Billy Watson, new NWA Champion.

Big Bill Miller is enjoying a string of victories in his single wrestling matches but can't seem to find a tag team partner that will help him win the Pacific Coast tag team title. Miller teamed up in Fresno's Memorial Auditorium in California with ex-Arizona football star Gene Kiniski but was defeated for the San Joaquin Valley tag title by Sandor Kovacs and speedy Enrique Torres. Kiniski recently returned to the west coast from a lengthy eastern tour. Kiniski is a powerful, young, but ruthless wrestler, and the addition of Miller as his tag partner seemed to be just what the Doctor ordered for a winning tag unit. However, the Torres-Kovacs team combo seems to get along great as a team and trounced the former footballers in jig time. Torres, incidentally, remains the Pacific Coast heavyweight champion.

Vic Christy, ex-Pacific Coast champion, remains undefeated in northern California dropping Lee Henning of Iowa at Fresno. Christy held the coast crown in the forties. He was the youngest champion in the title history. Vic hails from Sunland, California.

Tom Rice, 255 pound Visalia, Calif., bad boy and Lee Henning have successfully teamed up to become one of the most hated and feared tag teams in southern California. Rice and Henning, who were a dangerous twosome in San Francisco rings three or four years ago, seem to work well together and relish dishing out their own particularly famous brand of brawling. . . .

FROM WINNIPEG, CANADA
By Cy Louth

REFEREES were attacked with chairs and blood flowed freely when the mad Russians – Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff – ran amuck at Alex Turk's recent wrestling show at the new $2,000,000 Winnipeg Arena.

Victims of the K-Kids, who were finally disqualified, was the giant German team of Fritz Von Erich and Karl Von Schoberg. The greatest crowd in Winnipeg's wrestling history—nearly 12,000 persons—witnessed the match, which proved to be the wildest ever staged in this city.

When the bloody melee was finally brought to a close with difficulty, Von Schoberg was bleeding profusely from a severe head cut inflicted by a metal chair handled by the Russians.

Both referees Butch Levy, brought to Winnipeg especially for the rough match, and Frenchy Champagne, local ref, had earned their money. Both had been belted over the head and pushed in the face by the Kalmikoffs, while Champagne, knocked semi-conscious, had rolled from the high ring onto an exceedingly hard concrete floor.

It was for their attack upon the referees that the mad Russians were finally disqualified.

Until going on the rampage, the Russians, strangely enough, appeared to be favorites with the howling crowd.

The first fall went to the Germans at the 18.50 minute mark, when Karol Kalmikoff fell victim to Von Schoberg's spinning sleeper spell. He proved an easy prey for a follow up top spread. Six minutes later, Ivan squared up the match, with Von Schoberg the natural victim. He made the mistake of getting into the Russian's corner. There, as he was battling with Karol, Ivan leaped off the top rope strand of the ring and landed on the German's adam's apple. A top spread followed quickly.

It was then that the Russians decided to go even madder. They hurled both the Germans and the referees out of the ring onto the time keeper's table, which they promptly smashed to pieces.

Suddenly two metal chairs, snatched from the ringside, were hurled into the ring, with the mad Russians following. Each seized a chair and the attack against all and sundry was on. Everybody got cracked over the head except the Kalmikoff's, although they came near being battered by Butch Levy who finally climbed back into the ring, snatched a chair from a mad Russian and became a potential threat himself.

WHEN IS ENOUGH?

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To this observer, the Leonard who ruled the lightweight roost from May 1917, until he retired as champion in August, 1924, was the Beau Ideal of the profession—a dazzling boxer, deadly sharpshooter, shrewd strategist and colorful showman.

The Leonard who returned to the ring as a welterweight in 1931 was a fat, flabby, balding old man.

Benny's comeback was actuated by a pressing need for quick, ready cash. Business investments hadn't turned out too well for Benny, and an economic crisis made it imperative for him to do something drastic. The ring offered a short cut to the finances he needed.

Confining his activities to the smaller-club circuit for a year, Leonard had enough of his former stuff left to carry him through a score of victories over nondescript opponents of miscellaneous talents and dubious integrity, but his financial progress was too slow and picayune to satisfy Benny. He wanted that one "*big*" payday, and he finally got it in October, 1932, when he was paired with Jimmy McLarnin in Madison Square Garden.

Against formidable opposition, Leonard was a pitiful caricature of the superb artist he had been. After one brief flash in the opening round, when he outboxed and outpunched McLarnin, Benny fell apart and absorbed a brutal lacing before he was stopped in the sixth.

It also was financial difficulties that kept Joe Louis going after everybody, including Shufflin' Joe himself, knew he'd reached the end of what had been a glorious trail. During the last year of his barnstorming junkets, Louis not only had become fat and slow, but it was obvious that he'd lost his main asset, that once devastating punch. With each succeeding performance, it became more evident that Joe's comeuppance was closing in. It finally came when he was pitted against crude but dangerous Rocky Marciano in Madison Square Garden in October, 1951.

Slow as he was, 37-year-old Louis had enough boxing skill left to hold off the clumsy, slugging Marciano for seven rounds, but he collapsed in the eighth when Rocky reached him with a couple of wild lunging swings. It was a dismal finish to one of the most spectacular careers the heavyweight division has known.

Lest readers gather the impression that fighters in general seldom know enough to quit when they should, we could list scores of once-top ringmen who did know enough, and made their retirements permanent. To cite one notable case, there was Jack Dempsey.

It must have been difficult for Dempsey to announce his retirement after losing to Gene Tunney in their Chicago episode in 1927. On the strength of the disputed "*long count*," Manassa Jack could have assured himself of at least a half-million dollar paycheck for meeting Tunney a third time. That sort of cash must have been a terrific temptation to Dempsey, but Jack declined it. No one knew better than he that, despite the furore over whether he did or didn't knock Tunney out in that riotous seventh round, he had taken a frightful beating before and after, and it was lucky for him the bout was limited to ten rounds. Jack was near exhaustion at the finish and probably couldn't have lasted another round or two. Had a third match between them been arranged, it would have been in New York, over the fifteen-round route, and with Dempsey another year older, the outlook for success was somewhat on the dismal side. So Jack decided to quit while he was still "*ahead*," and in a position to cash in, in other and less strenuous ventures, on his tremendous popularity. Still "The Champ" to the public, nearly three decades later, Dempsey has never had occasion to regret his momentous decision.

Tunney, of course, was at the peak of his form when he quit the ring in 1928. Gene was 30, and had just slashed gallant Tom Heeney into figurative ribbons in New York's Yankee Stadium, when he announced his retirement. It wasn't difficult for Tunney to sever relations with boxing. He'd never cared too much for the sock market, and used it merely as a means to an end. When he got what he wanted, he stepped out. A millionaire in his own right, he married into several more millions, moved up the social scale, and became active in the business world.

Deciding just when a fighter has had enough and should quit can lead occasionally to strange developments. Consider, for a couple of notable examples, the cases of Jim Braddock and Jersey Joe Walcott, who were generally tabbed as "*washed-up*" and advised to retire from boxing before something serious happened to their mental and physical well-beings. They did quit—but urgent need for ready cash later brought them back to the ring, and both went on to become world heavyweight champions!

BIG OUTDOOR FIGHTS HAD STIRRING SIDELIGHTS

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well nigh impossible for them to do their work, after a Marciano victory, were a part of his big outdoor fights which certainly won't be missed.

Nor will the ragtag impromptu parades which swirled through neighboring Harlem making traffic through the section impossible, following Joe's early triumphs in the Yankee Stadium and Polo Grounds, be recalled with any satisfaction by Joe's army of better behaved admirers.

Memories of Referee Ruby Goldstein and Sugar Ray Robinson both toppled by the torrid temperature in the Polo Grounds that June night in 1952, will remain fresh in the minds of outdoor fight fanciers for a long, long time.

When Max Schmeling plopped to the canvas holding his middle, in the ring at Yankee Stadium twenty-six years ago, ringsiders were further amazed to witness newspaper editor Arthur Brisbane, erupt out of his seat and pointing as though with the finger of fate accompanied by the voice of doom, thunder at befuddled Referee Jim Crowley, "Give that man the fight on a foul, or I'll kill boxing in the state!"

Nothing less that the world's heavyweight championship was at stake, and that's how Schmeling was called victor over Sharkey, and became the new titleholder.

Three years before a similar situation had a reverse ending. This time it was Sharkey who dropped to the canvas and put on the same act, only to have Referee O'Sullivan jolted out of his indecision by the menacing command, "Count him out, count him out!"

This time the order was being snapped by Bill Duffy, from Dempsey's corner. This is just what the referee did, and Dempsey was declared winner by a kayo, going on to the second meeting with Tunney.

During Joe Louis' long reign, the outdoor fight really came into its own. Dempsey's title fights were colossal for attendance and receipts, but they were infrequent, whereas the old Brown Bomber averaged about two a year during his active career.

Distinguishing marks of some of these, were Schmeling's yell of agony the second time he fought Joe, Baer's shaking his head in answer to the referee's query about continuing, while taking the count on one knee, Tony Galento's head over heels tumble to the canvas when Joe dropped him the first time, the army of police that blanketed the Polo Grounds for the Louis Carnera fight, a precaution caused by the then raging Italo-Ethiopian war and the surprise right by Tami Mauriello, which drove Louis into the ropes and Joe's retaliation which dropped Tami a few seconds after, a bombardment which, although few realized it at the time, was the final flurry of the real Brown Bomber.

Who were the smartest boxers in ring history? Find the answer in the December Issue of The Ring Mazagine.

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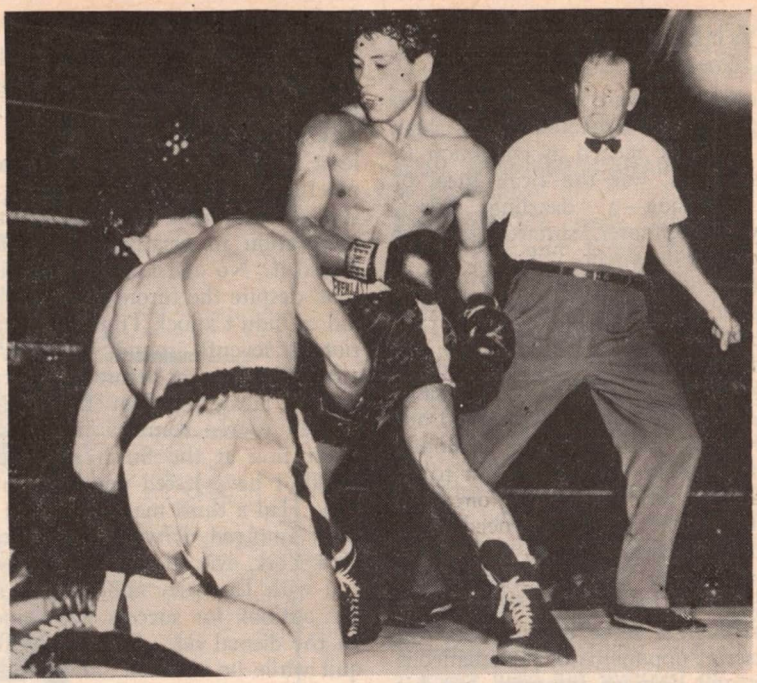

End of the streak. Jimmy Soo Irish-Chinese lightweight from Philadelphia,, heads for the deck after absorbing a left hook to the jaw from Mexico's lightweight king Baby Vasquez in the sixth round of their bout in Washington, D. C. Soo got up at nine but the referee halted the contest, ending Soo's winning streak at 33.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

BOSTON ARENA—JOHNNY SAXTON, 152, WORLD'S WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION from New York, gained a ten round decision over Barry Allison, 151, Springfield, in the first of two tune-up fights in this area before he places his title on the line to former champ, Carmen Basilio. Saxton won as he pleased but was given a rugged workout by the ex-airman. Allison was the aggressor throughout. He scored well with rights to the jaw. Saxton's body attack took the play away from Allison.

Ted Doncaster, 168, Sackville, N. B., dropped Joe (Boy) Woods, 174, Westover Field, with a terrific left hook in the first round. Woods was subjected to a bad beating until the bout was stopped in the third round. Buddy Cochran, 155¾, Somerville, scored a quick kayo over Charlie Brooks, 149½, New York, in one heat. Richard Graham, 132¾, Boston, turned pro with a decision over Stan Morrissey, 131½, Peabody, in a four spot. Guy LoConte, 147, Malden, halted Joe Walker, 147½, Boston, in the final of another four rounder. Sandi Chani, 163, Marlboro, knocked out Packy Clifford, 160, Quincy, in the fourth of the opener.

▶WORCESTER AUDITORIUM — Johnny Saxton, 150¼, New York, engaged Don Williams, 153¼, Worcester, in his final tune-up fight before his title bout with Carmen Basilio. Saxton had to be content with a split decision victory as one of the judges called it a draw. Williams copped the first three rounds but Saxton's methodical infighting slowed the New England middleweight champ down during the middle rounds. Saxton was in high gear by the eighth round but in the ninth and tenth round was stopped in his tracks by sharp combinations by Williams.

Eddie Demars, 175, Springfield, exploded dynamic combinations to belt out Jim Thornton, 175½, Boston, in the first round of the semi-final. A six spot also had a sudden definite ending when Eddie Armstrong, 144¾, Elizabeth, N. J., caught Clarence Jones, 140, New York, with a right to the jaw in the first round. Sandi Chani, 166, Marlboro, did some heavy pitching to annihilate Kil Belloni, 163½, Cliffwood, N. J., in the third. Dick Swenson, 140, Worcester, halted Joey LaMother, 140½, Worcester, who was unable to come out for round two.

▶BOSTON ARENA—Stan Micheaux, 161, Rahway, N. J., scored an upset ten round decision over Ted Doncaster, 166, Sackville, N. B. Micheaux fought an excellent defensive battle and just enough offensive punching to garner the votes of two of the officials.

Eddie Thompson, New York, scored a mild upset by taking the eight round semi-final from Eddie Connors, Sharon, by a split decision in a welterweight duel. Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, Roxbury, survived a rough fourth session to win by a TKO over Jimmy Watkins, Jr., New London, Conn., when the latter had to bow out because of a cut eye in the sixth heat. Buddy Cochran, Sommerville, scored his 11th kayo when he exploded a left to the chin of Eddie (Red) McGowan, in the first round and in the opener, Guy LoConte, Malden, flattened Skippy Rogers, Dennis, in the first heat.

JAMAICA BOXING
By Ken Jones

JAMAICA'S WELTERWEIGHT PRIDE GERALD GRAY, 151, CONTINUED his winning ways by stopping Panama's champion, Irvin Blue, 148, in 7 rounds.

Barbadian welter, Billy Greaves, 150, experienced hard luck in getting only a draw in his fight with Jamaica's outstanding middle, George Johnson, 155, over 8 rounds. Billy gave his best performance to date.

George Douglas, 130, beat Danny Edwards, 131, easily in six rounds. Allan Escoffery, 137½, beat Gilbert McKenzie, 145, in 6 heats. Earl Fongkin won from Vivian Hayles in a four-round lightweight tangle.

▶Miami heavyweight Jimmy Persey, 181, took only 4 rounds to stop the Jamaica representative Kid Ralph, 195.

Feather champ Tricky Nugent, 120, eked out an 8-round decision over Ken Spence, 124, in the semi. Herman Weise, 143, ended his fray with Gilbert McKenzie, 140, in 1:25 of the initial stanza. Vivian Hayles, 135, won from Geo Tyrell, 134, in 4 rounds. Roy Chambers kayoed Norbert Robinson in 2.

▶Bunky Frazier sent here from Miami to fight Alfredo Beezar and Emilio Sanchez turned out to be only a featherweight and had to be hurriedly matched with Tricky Nugent, just out of a long spell of idleness due to illness. Tricky outboxed the American and won handsomely in 10 rounds.

In the semi, Mervyn Morris, featherweight, discouraged Angel Ferguson's attempt at a comeback by whipping him in 8 rounds.

▶High-ranked welterweight Jimmy Ford, imported here to fight lightweight champ, Emilio Sanchez of Honduras, did not win as easily as was expected. Sanchez gave away a lot of poundage, but fought Ford to the end. The voting was close and one arbiter called it a draw after ten heated innings.

In the semi-final, George Douglas was awarded a decision after Mervyn Morris, threw in his towel in the 5th round.

▶The crowd booed long and loud when Neville Powell, 150, was given a majority decision over Dominica's Alfredo Beezar, 146.

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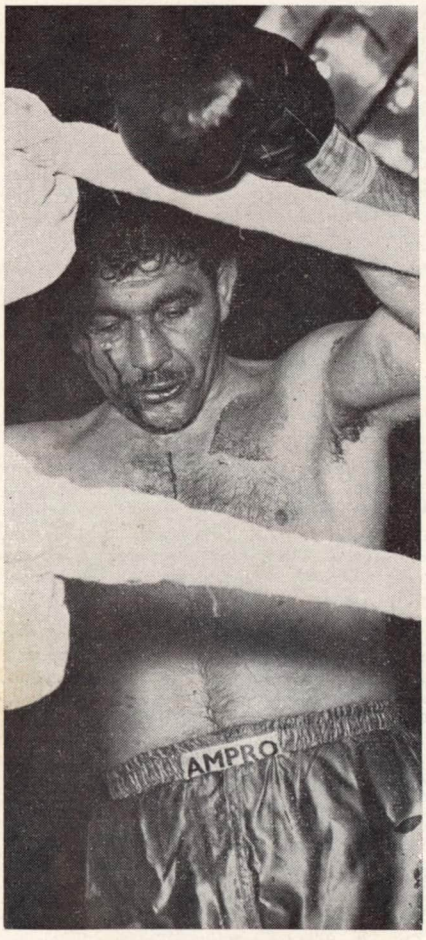
unfortunate injuries Old-timers like Jimmy Wilde, Ted Kid Lewis, Jim Driscoll, Freddy Welsh and scores of other champions did not lose many fights because of cuts. And when these superb champions were performing most of their contests were over twenty rounds, and they fought more frequently than do the champions of today.

Were they tougher in those days? Has modern diet caused the trouble? Is it the modern boxing glove? The Boxing Stewards should satisfy themselves, and I hope a full investigation will be held.

A CLEAN RECORD

When Erskine outpointed Johnny Williams to win the title in the Maindy Stadium he achieved something that no other British heavyweight champion had accomplished . . . the winning of the title without losing a professional bout. Rocky Marciano, of course, had a better record. Rocky won the world crown without a set-back, and eventually retired without suffering one defeat . . . a wonderful untarnished record.

Erskine's record cannot be compared, but it is still unique for a British heavyweight champion. That's why I rate Erskine higher than most boxing folk.



JACK GARDNER

Another heavyweight champion worried by eye injuries. Gardner's jaw was made of granite, but the above cuts brought him defeat against Joe Bygraves.

Everytime he was matched with stronger opposition he rose to the occasion and handled the situation like a champion. Against the power of Richardson, he decided to go in from the first bell to show who was the boss. The result was that usually he beat Dick to the punch, and succeeded in making the Newport battler the more weary man before the final bell.

Some experts felt that he would never beat Johnny Williams for the title. They figured it out that as Joe doesn't punch his weight, he would not be able to make headway against Johnny who has usually excelled against opponents who do not carry a knockout blow. This was not the case, and Joe showed once more that he is a sound tactician by clearly outboxing Williams. True, he lacked the big punch, but he was always able to make Williams respect him with a good left to the body.

DEAD GAME

Erskine had his left eye cut in the fourth round, but the real crisis for the young Cardiff fighter came in the ninth when blood flowed freely from a gash on the right eyelid. Williams, behind on points, went in now, and in the tenth session, Erskine had to stand up to heavy punishment, but showed himself to be a sound performer. Not only was he dead game, but his fighting brain was working so well that he was able to get out of much trouble.

Although blinded from blood from cuts above both eyes, Erskine fought an extremely clever contest, and finished stronger, and well earned the verdict of Referee Andrew Smyth.

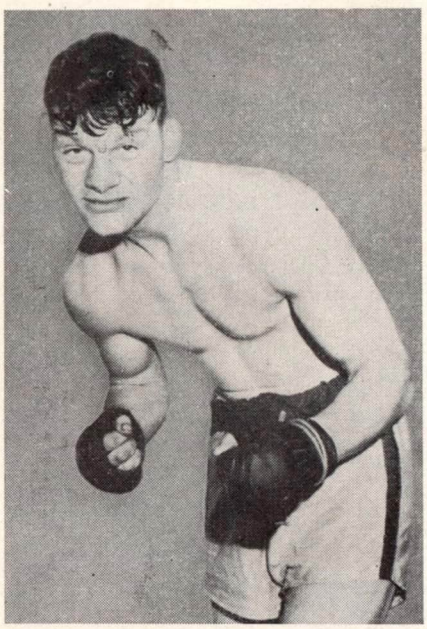
Henry Cooper's defeat at the hands of Peter Bates was one of the surprises of the year. Henry was a red-hot favourite to win, and this seemed to be more certain than ever when in the first round he dropped Bates for 9 with one of his special left hooks. Bates was shaken, and his mouth was cut. It looked as though Henry was about to score as sensational a victory as when he stopped Brian London in the first session.

But is was not to be. Cooper could not again catch the Shirebrook heavyweight The Bellingham fighter began to walk into trouble in the third round when his left eye was cut, but it was the right brow that brought about the surprise result in the fifth. A great pity because Cooper, boxing well, looked a sure winner barring an accident of this kind.

WATCH NEILL

If we switch from the heavyweights we find a none too happy picture among the lighter divisions. The flyweight section is held up now that Dai Dower, the champion, is in the Army. There seem to be few challengers around for Peter Keenan's bantam crown. One of the most impressive boys of all is in the featherweight division. I refer to Bobby Neill, the little accountant from Edinburgh who is now living in London.

Neill has some of the class that seems to be lacking in so many of our modern boxers. He cordinates perfectly, and his combination of boxing and fighting makes him look one of the best prospects I have seen for years.



BRUCE WOODCOCK

Like Petersen, Woodcock's career as champion ended because of eye injuries. Damaged eyes lost him several vital bouts.

It is remarkable when we recall that Bobby was a cripple following an accident on a bicycle. When he was spending long periods on his back he never visualised that he would one day be an outstanding boxer. Right now he looks a good bet to win the British featherweight title. Unfortunately, the championship situation is being held up because of injury to Charlie Hill, the Scottish holder of the British title. Hill and Billy "Spider" Kelly, of Belfast, have been due for a return title clash, but the Scot had to put this meeting back due to ear trouble.

Neill is young and can afford to bide his time. Sam Burns, who has managed some useful champions, considers Bobby Neill is the best fighter he has ever looked after. Certainly, I hope Bobby makes the grade. We need a busy little champion to boost boxing.

CHARNLEY UPSET

Dave Charnley's defeat at the hands of Willie Lloyd, of Wales, knocked considerable interest out of his proposed title clash with Joe Lucy this winter. Lucy, in the meantime, has been keeping himself in shape, and clearly outpointed Leo Molloy (Birkenhead) over ten rounds at Manchester, but I'm afraid this division, like the rest, is not inspiring.

I had hoped when Peter Waterman, of Clapman, took the welterweight crown from Wally Thom, Peter would become a busy champion, but there are few attractive opponents for him around, but I hope he gets busy this winter. Now that he has recovered from a tonsils operation. Rust is the worst thing a boxer can collect. The middle and light-heavy divisions also require new faces. Promoters showed so little interest over the Board's matching of Ron Barton and Alex Buxton for the 12st 7lbs title, that the Board had to put the match out to purse offers.

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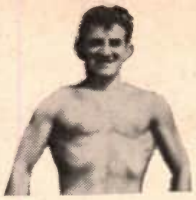

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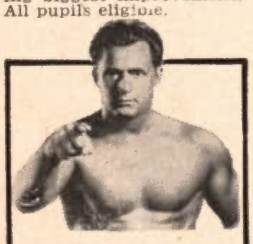

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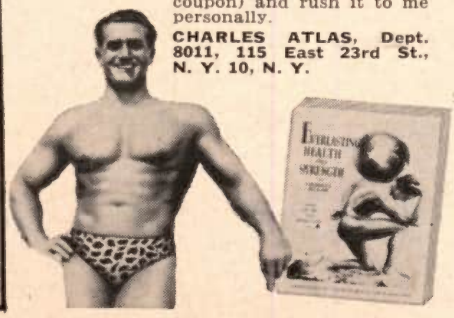

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